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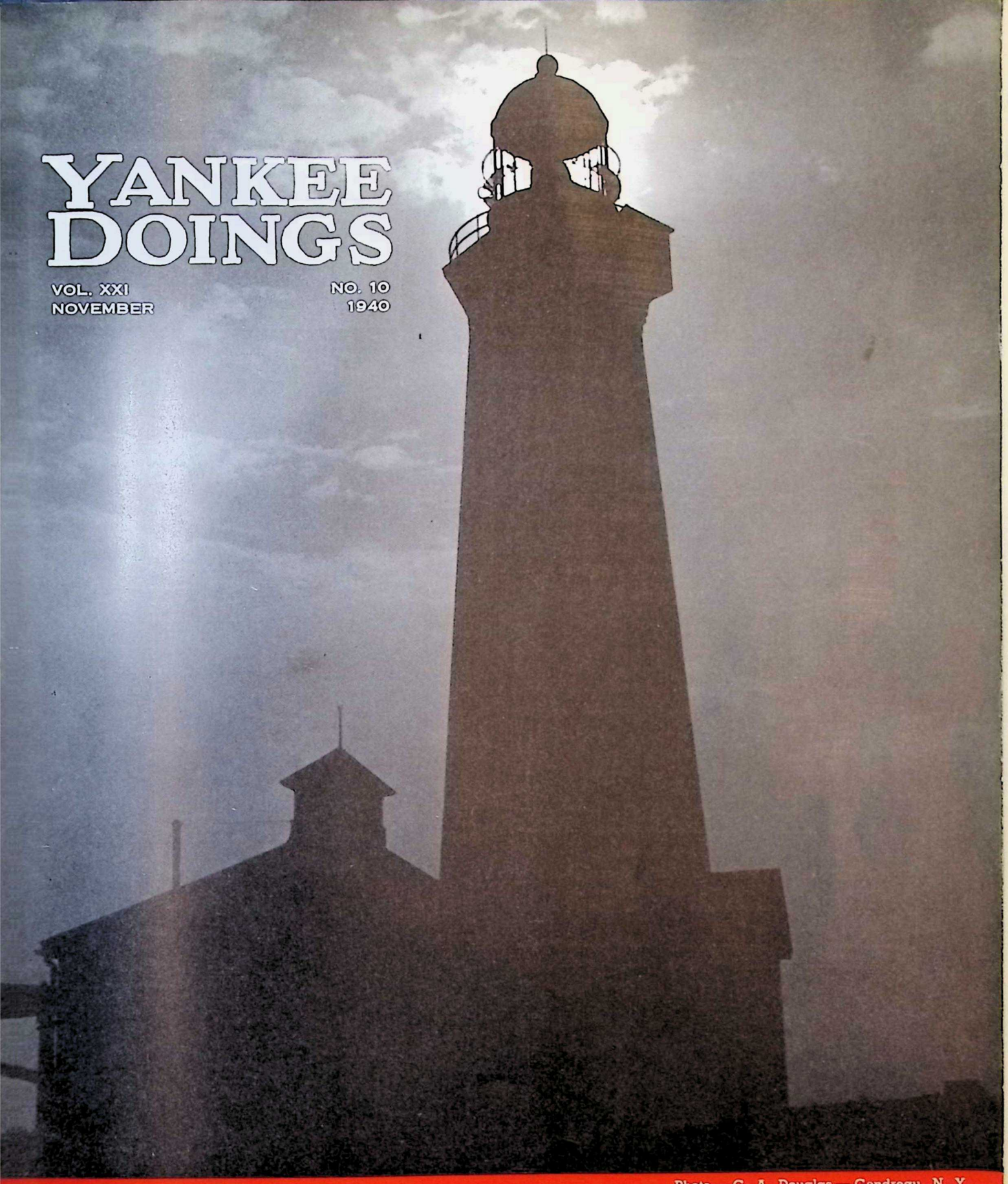

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National Commander.

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EDITORIAL

The people have spoken. Others too spoke—loudly and long. But their puny chorus was drowned into silence by the mighty, sovereign voice of America—the voice of the people.

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The election is over. For four years, the President who was chosen will be—God willing—the President of ALL the people, not just of the people who voted for him. In this fact there is something for both him and us to ponder deeply. In the past four years too often have we forgotten it, too often has he forgotten it.

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The views of analysts (perhaps "coroners" would be a better name for some of them) will differ as to WHY he was elected. There were too many issues: too many cross currents. As yet (the morning of November 6), we have read no one's views on this question. We'll offer our own, for what they are worth. By the time you read them others will have uttered them. But this morning they are fresh and clear—and our own.

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We believe President Roosevelt was re-elected because of the following reasons—some of them creditable, some not:

1. A conviction that in times of stress a tried hand is better at the wheel than a green hand.

2. Almost universal approval of his policy of creating an impregnable national defense, and all possible aid to Britain.

3. A conviction that in no possible circumstances will he attempt to "appease" the dictator countries one iota.

4. The belief that he has provided—and will provide—livelihood of at least some sort for the man unable to find employment.

5. And this is one of the less creditable and

most dangerous — a softening of the national fibre; a willingness, undreamed of twenty-five years ago, to live in a false Heaven. The false Heaven of a prosperity based on a mortgaged national future. The false Heaven based—not on "blood and tears and toil" — but upon magic hats and incantations. A prosperity which rests not on the useful fruits of man's labors, but upon the brand of necromancy which can stave off the day of reckoning—of "paying the piper," and let us comfortably forget about it. It is human to prefer ease to toil. Too many of us perhaps believe such a magic formula has been found.

6. A belief—perhaps unfounded — that Mr. Roosevelt's opponent might, if elected, be more sympathetic toward invested capital than toward daily wage earners. In other words, "the class vote."

7. This last is written with regret, but with due deliberation. Many votes were based on personal—not national interests. The possible loss of a government job, be it a fat job or a skinny job, actuated many a vote. The possible loss of a government benefiet actuated many more.

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So much for the principal reasons—some creditable, some not. It might be amusing to list a few of the facts which were most assuredly NOT causes of Mr. Roosevelt's re-election:

1. Henry Agard Wallace.

2. "Honest Harold" Ickes, the most virulent male-shrew on record, the "Terrible Tempered Mr. Bangs" of public life.

3. Ma Perkins—called by Irvin S. Cobb, "The Queen Mother of the Fifth Columnists."

4. The 50 billion (or is it 60 billion) dollar national debt.

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During the campaign months, DOINGS refrained—as it should—from partisan politics. The election is over. The policies of the administration must now be considered not partisan policies, but national policies. To approve of some of them and to criticise others can no longer be called "partisan." It is still—and may it ever be—the duty of Americans to approve and to criticise. May it also forever be their privilege.

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Yes: national unity IS the crying need of the hour. But not the dumb-animal variety on exhibition in some foreign lands. The people have spoken, but the final answer to many questions is yet to be heard. Some of the answers must come from the President: some from the people. On them depends our future.

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Stepping in where "angels might fear to tread," YANKEE DOINGS has the temerity to list them—as it sees them.

First are the questions the President must answer.

1. Mr. President, you have been re-elected. You are President of ALL the people, those who voted for you and those who voted against you. Will you treat ALL alike, those who voted for you and those who voted against you?

2. Will there be an end of telling some of us that others of us are our "enemies"? Will there be an end of name-calling? If "classes" there must be, will you, Mr. President, draw the dividing line NOT between those who are successful and those who are not; NOT between those whose livelihood comes from properly administering their capital investment and those who toil with their hands and backs; BUT simply and solely between those who seek to help America and those who seek to harm her—be they rich or poor?

3. Will you, Mr. President, toss out a kindly word now and then for the poor bird of the old school who still finds it honorable to pay his own fare—as long as he is able—to the last cent he has; rather than heaping ALL the enconiums on the poor unfortunate who must—perforce—throw himself upon the public mercy?

4. Will you, Mr. President, present to the people, in the clear, unmistakable words you know so well how to use, the bare, stark, naked fact that the only way a man or a Nation can get "out of the hole" of debt is by working himself out? That "wealth" is the fruit of labor alone; can never, never be the grist of printing presses of arithmetical legerdemain?

5. Will you jolt us from our complacency by reminding us that to-day is the survival of the fittest: that the nation able and willing to work the hardest and the longest—to make the greatest sacrifices of ease and luxury—will eventually and inevitably vanquish the nation which clings to its false Heaven of prosperity "on the cuff."

6. Will you, Mr. President, abide in word and deed by the wisdom of the founders; the wisdom which has made us the nation we are; the wisdom which said laws shall be made by the Congress, administered by the Executive; grievances heard in the Courts — and neither shall molest nor usurp the powers of the other?

7. And finally, will you, Mr. President, humble yourself before Almighty God and acknowledge that you are not the People's master but their servant?

The people too must give answer.

1. People of America, will you now forget and lay away your pet peeves and vicious hatreds? Will you too cease name-calling and every device of obstruction you can think of to prevent progress because of pure personal spite and hate?

2. Will you have the guts to acknowledge—unpleasant as it may be—that the primary responsibility for your own welfare rests on your own shoulders—not on Uncle's? That every penny he gives you—if you might be earning it yourself—comes not out of his pocket but from someone else who IS earning it?

3. Will you too bury class distinctions; cease to regard more fortunate me as your "enemies"? They too are Americans. They too have a stake in America. In their success lies your success.

4. And will YOU—the MORE fortunate—bury YOUR class distinctions? Will you lay away in camphor your false sense of superiority? your sickening clannishness? your narrowed gaze upon the dollar? The most poverty-stricken share-cropper of the deep South—be he willing to go out to-morrow and lay down his life for his country—is a far, far better American than you.

5. And lastly, will you, people of this land of ours, guard with that vigilance of 150 years, those basic, inalienable rights based on eternal truth; purchased with sweat and blood? They have not been taken away from you. Will you allow them "meanly to perish?"

a. The right to approve and to condemn—to "speak your piece."

b. The right of every other man — whether you agree or violently disagree—to speak HIS piece—in words or in print, so long as his views, in his mind, are sincere and for the good of all.

c. The right of every man to earn his living. The DUTY of every man to earn his living if he is able. The right of NO man able to earn his living to take it from someone else. And if worse comes to worse, will you back these convictions with blood and sacrifice as your fathers have done before you?

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Those are the questions which face the President: those are the questions which face the people. Neither has been fully at fault; neither alone can rectify the mistakes that have been made. Together they can.

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But in only one way. Each must look for the good in the other, not the bad. Each must have a common and abiding faith in the other: the people in the President, the President in the people. Each must know that without this faith —this co-operation of full heart and open mind — he shall fail. And each must, affirm, every day of his life: "This is not the President's America; this is not the Democrat's America; this is not the rich man's America nor the poor man's America. This is our America. If it weakens, if it goes down, if it safeguards not its liberties from within as well as from without — we all go down together — not only those we hate but those we love.

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As typical Americans, Mr. President, we of the Yankee Division pledge our sacred word in answer to the questions asked of US—the people. Let us have YOUR word to the questions asked YOU. Then let us march forward together—over the horizon.

TO ALL BABY CHAPTERS – EVERYWHERE

Last year many new chapters of the YDVA were chartered. This year as many (not the same chapters, however) had their charters revoked for not having ten members by October 1.

In Massachusetts alone four new chapters were chartered last year: Reading, Concord, Foxboro, Gardner. The first two are doing splendidly: the other two we seldom hear from. Are they holding meetings? Or just allowing themselves to die out by inaction?

Some of the other new ones are never heard from by YANKEE DOINGS: St. Albans, Vt., Philadelphia, Pa. and Waterville, Me.

Some people think it is a hard job to get a chapter started. That really is the easiest part. The hard part is to keep it going. You can't just receive your charter and then sit back. Regular meetings must be held, with something to engage the members' interest.

Don't let all the effort go to waste that was put in by those who organized the chapter. Keep it alive; keep it growing; keep it interesting.

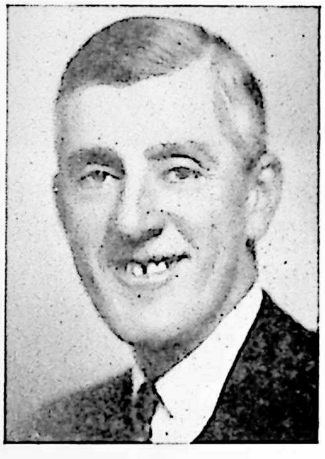
A CHAPTER IN ALBANY?

WILLIAM J. KELLY, whose address is Star Route, Alcove, N. Y., apparently a suburb of Albany, is desirous of organizing a YD Chapter in Albany. All information has been sent him and as many names as we have.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS OF THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

YANKEE DOINGS, in mid-October, asked the governors of the six New England states for a message to the veterans of the Yankee Division, in these times of stress.

Four of them graciously complied with our request. Their letters will be found below:



By LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
Governor of Massachusetts

Plans for national defense are engaging the interest of the administrative and civilian elements in Massachusetts. The problem presents many phases of effort. These all require coordination and a singleness of purpose. To this end, a State Committee on Public Safety, whose 150 members represent all the various groups of citizens in the Commonwealth, has been formed by the executive office. Ex-Governor Channing H. Cox is chairman. The work of this Committee is chiefly organization and direction. There are a number of sub-committees already functioning with clearly defined objectives and more sub-committees are in the process of formation.

Under the State Committee on Public Safety are 353 local Committees on Public Safety established in all of the towns and cities in Massachusetts. The local Committees work in cooperation with the State group and whereas they handle the problems of their communities as an individual matter, their general plans for defense measures follow the plan of the State Committee. It's through the local Committees that the men of the Yankee Division have given, and we hope will continue to give genuine assistance. Their offer of service to the local chairmen is invaluable. The services of Army men who have not already volunteered with their local defence organization, would be heartily welcomed by these committees.

Another contribution the YD Veterans undoubtedly will make to our national security will be in relation to the State Guard. Plans have been prepared for the formation of this Guard which is to replace the National Guard as soon as that group is completely inducted into the Federal Service. Men whose age makes them ineligible for enlistment in the regular naval and military units of the Nation, will be eligible for enlistment in the State Guard. Veterans of the last war can render tangible service to their state and their country by joining up with this essential unit. As Governor, I deeply appreciate the patriotic spirit which I knew would be shown by Yankee Division Veterans.

By GEORGE D. AIKEN
Governor of Vermont

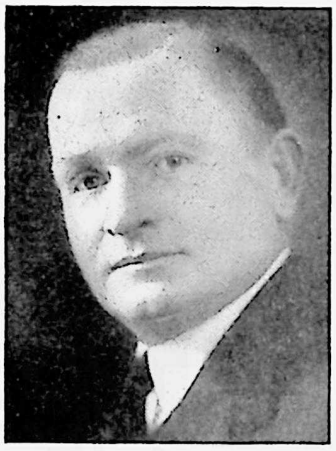
"In the effort our country is making to defend our democratic institutions, the help of every citizen will be needed if we are to bring this about justly, efficiently, and in a democratic manner in keeping with the traditions of America."

By WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT
Governor of Rhode Island

It seems to me that warfare has changed radically since 1917 and 1918. The method of attack now is more insidious.

The Nazi technique is to break down civilian morale behind the lines. The proof of this is that the Nazi war machine has not been successful in any country except where that morale has been broken down in advance. This was true in the low countries, in France and in Norway, where the notorious Quisling betrayed his country. The Nazi technique has not yet been successful in England, which appears to be united behind its leaders.

Because of this it is my belief that American war veterans can give to their country invaluable service by making themselves available upon call in the military and police forces of their State, holding themselves in readiness to take orders from the constituted authorities in times of emergency just as they took orders and so splendidly carried them out in 1917 and 1918. These services can take the form of enlistment in the State Guards in the absence of the National Guard, or the policing of vital places when the need for policing arrives and in a score of other ways where their experience, discretion and judgment would be invaluable.



By FRANCIS P. MURPHY
Governor of New Hampshire

The noble sacrifices you made in 1917-18 and the deeds of valor you performed will live in the hearts and memories of your grateful countrymen for all time. And so in these troublous days when national defense is uppermost in our minds, it is, naturally, to such men as you that we confidently turn for guidance and leadership.

Veterans, yours is a glorious responsibility and America needs you! Whether it be by ready cooperation in defense plans, by instruction and inspiration to our youth; or in emphasizing by example the vital need for loyalty, unity of effort, and faith in our democratic principles; the task confronting you is one of increasing importance.

On behalf of the State of New Hampshire and its people, I send you affectionate greetings. May God bless you and may your great fraternal organization continue to grow in service and patriotism to the benefit of us all.

THE "MOP-UP" CAMPAIGN

During September every chapter of the YD VA was sent a list of the names and addresses of its delinquent members of the past three years, with an urgent plea from the National Commander to divide the names into groups, assign so many names to a man, try personal contact, ring door bells, hold frequent meetings, demand progress reports, and get the straying sheep back in the fold.

The results have been next to zero. A number of Chapters have reported that they're trying. (We don't know how hard.) Others, which already have an enviable standing, have written that they only have a few more to get.

Give it another fling. Let's make Armistice Day the final dead-line. If you've lost your list of names, drop a line and we'll shoot you another.

MEMBERSHIP

This month, DOINGS lists membership standing by Departments only. As of October 31:

Department of Maine	142
Department of New Hampshire	245
Department of Vermont	110
Department of Massachusetts	1586
Department of Rhode Island	306
Department of Connecticut	827
Department of United States	471
Life Members	38
TOTAL	3725
One Year Ago	3479
Net Gain	246

A word regarding the 38 Life Members who are now included in the total for the first time. Six of them joined the YDVA as members-at-large for dues of $50.00 apiece, when Life Membership was in effect. The principal, $300.00, is intact in a Life Membership Fund. At rates of bank interest in effect a few years ago, the interest on this fund would have been sufficient to pay their dues of $2.00 apiece each year. At present rates, it just about half pays the annual dues of these six men. However, the interest has been allowed to accumulate, and $12.00 of it has been withdrawn and deposited in current funds, entitling these six men to be counted.

The other 32 joined the YD Club of Boston, most of them way back when the Clubhouse was being purchased, in 1919 or 1920. Their money went into the building. Neither the Boston Chapter nor the YDVA has received any dues from them since. The YDVA however, by salting down part of its regular funds each year until necessary to spend them, has managed to build up quite a bit of accrued interest. $64.00 of this has been withdrawn and placed in the active account to represent the dues — at $2.00 each, for this year at any rate — of these 32 men. They, therefore, are entitled to be counted in the membership total.

They are not counted as Boston members for two reasons. The Boston Club has not received any new revenue from them. A number of them are now affiliated with Chapters elsewhere.

On the membership standing as a whole, while it is over 200 ahead of a year ago, many spots in the picture can still stand considerable improvement.

The National Commander is travelling indefatigably over the country, visiting three and four chapters a week. No Commander in the history of the Association has ever applied himself more diligently to the task.

The Department Commanders? Well — some seem to be doing their best — others, to be brutally frank, seem to be doing just nothing. The same goes for Chapter officers.

From Nat. Headquarters, direct appeal through the mail to all delinquents of the past two or three years has been resorted to time after time; each time with good results. On October 31, 2000 such notices were again sent out, emphasizing some of the new features of YANKEE DOINGS.

If we are ever to hit the 5000 mark, this should be the year.

ONCE A SOLDIER – ALWAYS A SOLDIER

By Alfred V. Jules

(102nd Mach. Gun Bat'n.)

Recently I heard "Sully", our National Sergeant-at-Arms, say what might well be termed "a mouthful", and I have been chewing on it a week. The Minute Man Chapter of Concord, Mass., were meeting at the YD Cafe in Billerica, and while the movies of our National Command, Austin Appleby, were running their course Sully leaned over and muttered in my ear, "We're raising an army for the Second World War just as sure as you're a foot high, but even if *we* are a bunch of has-beens there must be something we can do!"

I tied that remark up with another I heard while attending the Officers' Refresher Course at Bourne last June. Some 300 of us were resting our overweight fannies in the lecture tent. The flaps were up and just outside a company of old-timers were demonstrating what they had learned in four days of "What's New in the I D R", and believe me there's plenty. The company drilled for fifteen minutes and as they were dismissed to join us in the tent, our lecturer, a Major Coyne, remarked, "Once a soldier, always a soldier."

Right there I found the answer. Two and two make four; if the country is good enough to

live in, it's good enough to fight for; once a soldier, always a soldier. They all add up.

There IS one thing we can do, every darned one of us. We can sell this bunch about to enter the service a different bill of goods, particularly the younger group, than the one we have been handed. It's true we volunteered but that's another kind of cat. I remember well the remark thrown at my outfit when we entrained for Montreal. Some one of the onlookers yelled, "So long, sucker." It's tramps like that, still in our midst, who can make or break this land of the free. Every news sheet in Boston played up the eagerness with which the new draft army registered. But before you swallow that ask the first registrar you meet what he thinks. Most of them heard any one of a thousand reasons why they couldn't join the army just now from many of the enrollees. They weren't asked but plenty of them volunteered — excuses!

Now as never before is the time for every man who wore the old YD to go into action again, this time on the home front. Tell the young chap next door, tell the worried mother of the young lad who has just enlisted, that there's a job to be done, a duty imposed, a trust to be upheld. Even our chronic pacifists are slowly beginning to realize that our way of living, our very existence is being threatened. In spite of contrary opinions I personally am convinced that veterans of the last war, particularly we, of the YD, who were in actual combat, are enjoying for the first time in years our proper place in the scheme of things. We didn't get our ideas of what a war is out of a book. We know all about that thrill up the spine which is reserved for old soldiers when they see the flag waving in the sunshine.

What this country needs is a good dose of old-fashioned patriotism and this job is up to the veteran, every veteran. A young chap came to my home within the past two weeks and said, "Mr. Jules, I want to do something, but mother says to wait. You YD men went through this once and I'm asking you, what shall I do?" He's in the Coast Artillery at Fort Banks today. Tell them that adequate defense means they WONT have to fight, if that's what is eating them.

Start talking, gang. Remember — once a soldier, always a soldier!

THE TWENTY-SIXTH AT ST. MIHIEL

The "Infantry Journal" — quasi-official publication of the Infantry branch of Uncle Sam's armed forces — pays a glowing tribute to the part played by the Yankee Division in the St. Mihiel offensive, September 12-13, 1918.

The article, filling thirteen pages, profusely illustrated and documented, is by Lieutenant Colonel Elbridge Colby. In its discussion of the development of that battle, it discloses the keen appraisal of the advanced student of military tactics.

The principal point it successfully endeavors to bring out is that the pinching-off of the St. Mihiel salient was one of those rare engagements in the history of armed conflict, where field orders were changed in the middle of the battle, on the military intuition — the "hunch" if you will — of the Commanding General, to bring about a more complete success than originally anticipated.

In great detail it relates the original plan, which was to swing in upon the salient from the south and from the west, closing in like the jaws of a pair of pincers, but entailing that most difficult of all advances, swinging upon a fixed pivotal point (at the northern end of the western arm of the salient, near Les Eparges).

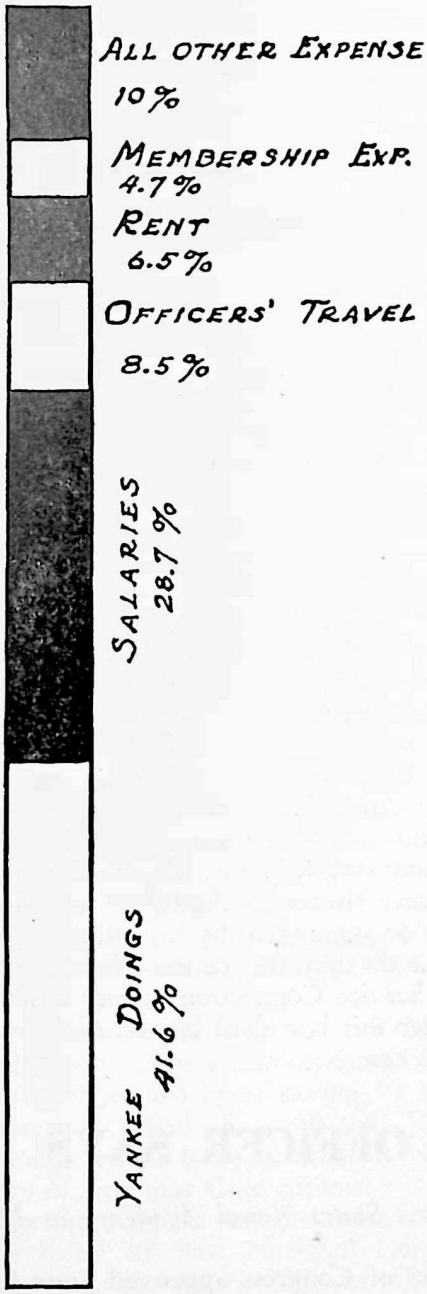
It goes on to tell, that despite the fact that this movement was progressing with complete satisfaction, the opportunity presented itself to the mind of the Commander of the American First Army, studying progress reports and maps, far behind the line, to change plans, drive two sharp wedges in from the south and west sides, and instead of throwing the enemy back, cut his salient right through the middle, trapping many of his men in the pocket thus pinched off.

The two Divisions to participate in this change of operations were the First Division on the south; the Twenty-Sixth on the west. Every one knows of the race to Vigneulles. Every one knows the Twenty-Sixth won that race by a matter of hours, although they had rough, hilly country to traverse while the First Division had a flat plain.

The account of the march of the 102nd is thrilling to read. In the words of Lieutenant Colonel Colby: "They must beat the First to the town, the famous First, the 'Regular' First, the proud and sometimes boastful First."

"The 26th Division came to Hattonchatel and — some say in column of squads — dropped down the steep slope off the heights and into Vigneulles . . . Enemy were discovered; the

Some Facts Every Member Should Know!



WHERE YOUR YDVA DUES GO

1. Just 13c of your $2.00 National dues goes to the YD Club of Boston. This is the rent for quarters, equipment, light and heat.

2. Aside from that, the entire upkeep, maintenance, taxes, salaries, insurance, and running expenses of the YD Memorial Clubhouse is borne by the Boston members.

3. **QUES.: "WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE YDVA AND HELP TO MAINTAIN A CLUBHOUSE IN BOSTON THAT I NEVER SEE?"**

   ANS.: WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION AND HELP TO MAINTAIN A HEADQUARTERS IN INDIANAPOLIS THAT YOU NEVER SEE.

4. This year (since April 1) the YDVA has paid the YD Club of Boston $400.00 (8 months' rent.)

   In the same period, the YDVA has received FROM the YD Club of Boston $1272.00 (dues of 636 members).

5. The YDVA has ALSO received, from the Boston YD Convention Corporation, the following:

Cash Guarantee	$ 750.00
Cost of June Issue of Yankee Doings	1301.28
	$2051.28

companies were called for, swept into Vigneulles and captured the blithe group of a German headquarters from behind darkened windows and doors. It wasn't Trenton and it wasn't Christmas, but it was a capture just the same . . . . The race was over and a new line had been formed."

The closing paragraph of the article reads:

"That it was thus fulfilled was due to the superb, sound and fast tactical decision of the Army Commander to alter a set and certain plan and drive for higher stakes. It was due also to the excellent performance of the command and staff of the 26th Division who made the adjustment speedily and smoothly, and further due, of course, to the inspiring performance of the soldiers of the 102nd Infantry, who accepted with courage and determination the sudden conditions which confronted them, marched rapidly in unknown darkness, and before daylight completed their appointed task. The general may decide properly; the staff may arrange neatly; but the soldier must perform."

A BILL TO DIFFERENTIATE COMBAT SERVICE MEN IN DETERMINING SERVICE CONNECTION

Acting jointly, without express approval of the National Executive Committee, the National Commander and National Secretary of the YD VA took the authority to notify the twelve Senators representing the six New England states in Congress that the YDVA favors the passage of the following Act (already passed by the House of Representatives in September.) The bill was sponsored by Los Angeles Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans Association. It reads:

H. R. 6450

An Act

To provide for the issuance, by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, of regulations providing for more liberal policies in determining service connection of disabilities, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to include, in the regulations governing proofs and evidence pertaining to service connection of disabilities, additional provisions requiring: That, in each case where a veteran is seeking service connection for a disability, consideration shall be given to the Places, Types, and Circumstances of his service as shown by his Service Record, the official history of each organization in which he served, his medical records, and all medical and lay evidence; that, where the veteran is shown to have been engaged in combat with an enemy of the United States, or during some war, campaign or expedition to have been subjected to other arduous conditions of military or naval service, such disability as can reasonably be considered to have been due to or aggravated by the conditions of all of his military or naval service shall be determined to be directly due to or aggravated by such Service in line of duty, under all laws administered by the Veterans Administration, unless it shall have been clearly established by clear and unmistakable evidence that such disability was not originated in or aggravated by his military or naval service; and, that the reasons for granting or denying Service Connection in any case considered under this law shall be recorded in full in each such case.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER SAYS

Following are the concluding provisions of the article on opportunities offered by the Federal government to veterans, their widows, children, etc., most of which was published last month in YANKEE DOINGS:

Federal Legislation providing for the Appointments from among Sons of Deceased Officers, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the World War for Admission of Candidates into the United States Naval Academy as Midshipmen.

An Act of Congress approved June 8, 1926, authorizes that the number of midshipmen now allowed by law at the United States Naval Academy be increased by 40 from the United States at large, to be appointed by the President from among the sons of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine

Corps of the United States who were killed in action or died prior to July 2, 1921, of wounds or injuries received or disease contracted in line of duty during the World War: Provided, That one-half shall be appointed from among the sons of officers and one-half from among the sons of warrant officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Applications for admission under this act should be addressed to the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Appointment to United States Military Academy, West Point, New York from among the Sons of Deceased World War Veterans.

An act of Congress approved June 8, 1926, authorized 40 cadets to be appointed by the President from among the sons of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States who were killed in action or died prior to July 2, 1921, of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted in line of duty during the World War; one-half to be appointed from among the sons of officers and one-half from among the sons of warrant officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines.

Candidates appointed under this act must be between the ages of 17 and 22 years and meet the usual physical requirements, and will be required to undergo the regular entrance examination competitively, the vacancies available from this source being awarded to those physically qualified competitors who make the highest proficient ratings in the order of merit established by the examination mentioned. There is no restriction as to residence in the case of these appointees.

No form is prescribed for making applications, which should be by letter addressed to The Adjutant General, showing the full name, date of birth, and address of the applicant, and the name, grade, and organization of his father, together with a brief statement showing the time and cause of his death. If the father of the applicant was an enlisted man, his serial number should also be given.

CONVENTION FINANCES

The 1941 YD Convention Corporation of Manchester, N. H., has requested and been granted the right to publish the June issue of YANKEE DOINGS, in the form of a Souvenir Convention Program. It will contain a minimum of current news in order to enable the Convention Corporation to make it one of the revenue producing features of the Convention.

This does not mean that it will be all advertisements. There will be the usual features of historical and sentimental value, but the local news columns of current happenings will either be pushed forward into the May issue or held over until August.

Every effort is being made by the Committee in Manchester to plan a Convention from which every one will return home saying, "I wouldn't have missed it; I had one swell time."

Also every effort is being made to profit by the errors of previous Conventions.

Perhaps there isn't a sounder mind in YDVA than the mind of Past National Commander LEN MALONEY. At JERRY O'LEARY's Dinner in Providence, Len struck a keynote. He stated that the tendency of the past three Conventions to lean so heavily on the side of conservatism in apportioning their funds for the enjoyment of those who attend the conventions, with the result that rather than going in the red they have come out with substantial sums unspent, will, if continued, undo all the great work that has been done in building up the Association.

And while your editor is on the subject, he might as well shoot the whole works. There has been criticism, severe and widespread of the Boston Convention on this very score. Much of it is deserved — in one man's opinion. But to believe that Boston was the first Convention where the local YD Chapter profited from Convention funds is to be utterly mistaken.

Worcester in 1936, Portland in 1937 (despite an eventual deficit), Providence in 1938, and Hartford in 1939, all "got something for the Chapter" out of money originally intended for the Convention. Boston hasn't been alone in this.

So far as the YDVA fared as an organization, it certainly has no squawk against Boston. Not only was the guarantee of $750.00 promptly turned over to the Treasurer of the Association, but the Convention Corporation also paid the complete cost of printing and distributing the June issue of Yankee DOINGS, a matter of over $1100.00. Because of this, the finances of the Association are in better shape than at any time for years.

Where the kick comes is from the individual men who attended the Convention. They felt

that not enough of the money which the Convention committee had in its jeans was spent for their enjoyment. Too much was held back so the Convention would show a profit.

And even on this argument, there are two sides. On the face of things, money appropriated for a convention, and even more particularly money paid by the men themselves for registration, should be spent for their enjoyment. But the other side of the argument is, Boston was establishing no precedent, four other cities had fattened their own kitty. And furthermore, they were doing the work. Still further, although this may be held to be a false argument, the Boston Chapter was desperately in need of revenue. And don't forget that this Chapter supports and maintains the Memorial Clubhouse which is the "home" of every member of the YDVA, in which he is always welcome, and from which his national organization operates. Not one cent of the dues of any member except Boston members goes for this maintenance; Boston shoulders this burden alone. So perhaps there can be found real justification for being conservative enough to put some of the money into the Club building — our National Headquarters home.

Either side, you can make a good case for argument.

However, be all this as it may, it is one of the things due for a good thorough airing before we gather in Manchester.

To those desirous of seeing the balance sheet: The Convention Corporation was not appointed by the YDVA, but by the Board of Governors of the YD Club of Boston. No report has been tendered to YANKEE DOINGS. The National Executive Committee might demand it; but if it were to follow the pattern of those convention reports which preceded it, more might be concealed than revealed.

There. We've spoken our piece. Now for the dead cats and rotten eggs!

THE 1941 YD CONVENTION AT MANCHESTER, N. H.

Just a few words about the Convention in Manchester on June 5, 6, 7 and 8 of '41. The ground work is being laid quite thoroughly to give the YDVA a very enjoyable Convention in this city next June. The Convention Corporation is meeting regularly and formulating plans which we hope will be complete to announce in a very short time. There will be activities from Thursday noon right through and including Sunday. We are in hopes to open the Convention with the gala event on Thursday which all veterans and their families will not want to miss. Friday will be a full day, climaxing probably Friday night with a very large Convention Ball. Saturday, of course, will be devoted to the parade and outfit reunions. Sunday will be the memorial form of services. These are only the high lights of the Convention.

I am giving you a list of the Convention Corporation committees' names, which are self-explanatory.

It has been rumored from many sources that there is some dissension in the ranks of the members of the YDVA; a feeling that their registration has not brought them sufficient returns. Let me say at this time that this Convention Corporation has only a limited amount of money to play with in making a Convention. The higher the advanced registrations the more the Convention Corporation can do. So it is entirely up to the members of the YDVA as to what kind of a time they wish to have in Manchester.

We as a Convention Corporation will do all in our power to make the Convention a success, and it is up to the members of the YDVA to show their interest and help the cause along by sending in their advanced registrations for themselves and their families at $2.00 a person prior to May 1. After May 1, due to the added expense of handling the registrations, the fee will be $2.50 and I don't think that any man or woman leaving the Convention will say they did not get their money's worth.

It was noted that some unnamed person sent their criticism to YANKEE DOINGS and assumed that the Manchester Corporation would be looking for their "cut", but let it be said here at this time that *we are not out to make money.* All that we wish to do is to break even in this Corporation. If we can do that, we will feel that we have completed our job in a satisfactory manner.

There have been several inquiries as to the housing accommodations in the City of Manchester. We are well supplied with hotels: the Carpenter, the Rice-Varick, the Curtis Inn, the Cadillac Hotel and many others. In addition to this there will be plenty of rooms available within two or three blocks of the Carpenter Hotel. Then in the outlying districts we have a great many overnight camps which are suitable for the veterans and their families, if they so de-

sire. Those who are planning to be in Manchester should make their reservations as early as possible with Comrade CHARLES TOWERS so that he can give them the accommodations they require. Housing facilities will be extended in the order received. To make reservations, of course, it will be necessary to accompany such reservations with the advanced registration fee.

It is certainly hoped that every member of the YDVA and former comrade in the 26th Division will, this coming year, unite as a body in their National Convention in Manchester, June 5, 6, 7 and 8. Show to the Country that the veterans are still solidly behind our government.

— JOHN W. DUNLAP,
President.

Committees

Registration — EUGENE DUGAS, Chairman; ARTHUR GILMORE, EDWARD ST. JEAN.

Budget — JOHN W. DUNLAP, Chairman; WILLIAM SAYERS, EUGENE DUGAS, WALTER SMITH.

Auditing — GEORGE WINGATE, Chairman; WALTER SMITH, EDWARD ST. JEAN.

Program — WALTER DUDA, Chairman; ARTHUR E. CARD, JR., HARVEY RICHE.

Publicity — JOHN TAYLOR, Chairman; EUGENE DUGAS.

Distinguished Guests — F. DRURY, Chairman; O. G. LAGERQUIST, PHILIP HARDY.

Parade — JOHN J. JACOBSON, JR., Chairman; WILLIAM OLIVER, THOMAS FITZGERALD, HUGH CONROY.

Reunions — WALTER SMITH, Chairman; EDWIN H. HOBBS, LUCIEN TREMBLAY, JOHN J. GRADY.

Decorations — ARCHIE VIGNEAULT, Chairman; SAMUEL DAVIS, FRANK KENNEY, EDWARD P. TOWNSEND.

Stag Party — LUDGER J. POULIOT, Chairman; EMERY E. POTVIN, JOHN A. FOLEY.

Ways and Means — IRVING H. COLBY, Chairman; BURTON KNIGHT, RAYMOND J. BEAUCHESNE.

Housing — CHARLES TOWERS, Chairman; HAROLD C. BLAKELEY, FRANCIS P. HAYES, ARCHIE CHANDONNET.

Entertainment — EUSTIS PERRON, Chairman; JOHN S. MILLER, CHESTER FRASER.

Drum Corps — MYRON NASON, Chairman; MARTIN HOLLERAN, JOSEPH A. DONNELLY, ED. A. CLEAR.

Convention Ball — ARMAND MONTMINY, Chairman; HENRY PARIS, OSCAR F. HERING.

Memorial Services — WILLIAM MURPHY, Chairman; LEO TARBELL, JOHN J. MADDEN, HENRY BEAUDOIN.

Printing — ARTHUR GILMORE, Chairman; FRED MINTON, HARRY TERGESON, JOSEPH A. DIONNE.

Fireworks — DAN O'NEIL, Chairman; JOHN BLIDBERG, PHILIP P. HARDY, JAMES E. REILLY.

Halls — WALTER J. BOARDMAN, Chairman; SAMUEL RUDEN, LEROY ROSS, TIMOTHY O'LEARY.

Ladies' Party — ELI MONTMINY, Chairman; JOHN W. KELLEY, E. A. COUSINS.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISITATIONS

Sept. 6—Stanford, Conn. Joint meeting with Bridgeport and Norwalk.
8—Fitchburg, Mass. State Meeting.
12—Attended Installation of State Commander Chet Grant, A.L.
15—Worcester, Mass., Com. Harold Barry's Funeral.
15—Pawtucket, R. I., State Meeting.
19—Boston Club Smoker, Pictures.
22—Nashua, N. H., State Meeting.
23—National Convention, A.L., Boston.
24—Y.D. Dinner at Copley Plaza.

Oct. 1—Lynn Chapter Get-together.
2—Milford, Mass. Installation.
6—Rutland, Vermont, State Organization Meeting.
13—Keene, N. H. State Officers' Installation.
17—Concord, Mass., Membership Program Meeting.
19—Start of Mid-West Trip.
20—Cleveland, Ohio Installation.
21—Afternoon, Toledo, Ohio. (Believe Hal Cook is ready to start a Chapter.)
21—Night, Detroit Chapter Meeting.
22—Chicago, Ill. Chapter Meeting.
26—Providence, R. I., Past National Commander JERRY O'LEARY's Dinner.
30—Haverhill.

My comments, in regards to the past two months, will be very brief because I hope and believe that the Secretaries of the various Chapters and Departments will fulfill their obligations and perform their duties in reporting the activities.

However, I feel that I must say "Thanks, gang" for the wonderful reception and good times that have been tendered to "Cowboy Jim" and myself, everywhere we have visited. Words fail me in my effort to express the genuine, good fellowship that we found everywhere. The YD has grown up and appreciate the finer things in life.

In closing, just a word of appreciation for the cooperation that all of the National Officers are giving me.

— AUSTIN F. APPLEBY,
October 31, 1940. National Commander.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO P.N.C. JERRY O'LEARY

A Testimonial Dinner was tendered to Past National Commander JERRY O'LEARY in the Ball Room of the Biltmore Hotel in Providence on Saturday evening, October 26. Between 60 and 75 persons, men and women, attended, including National Commander APPLEBY; three Past National Commanders, BEN JAMES, LEN MALONEY and AL HERMAN; five of the seven Department Commanders: MCNULTY of New Hampshire, SULLIVAN of Massachusetts, DARLING of Rhode Island, ALLEN of Connecticut, and DICKSON of New York, representing the Department of the United States.

Others seen at the gathering included the National Sgt. at Arms JIM SULLIVAN, National Judge Advocate HAROLD J. SMITH, National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, WILLIAM P. "Okie" O'CONNOR, all the way from Cleveland; HENRY MOORE and ED WILSON from New York, JOHNNY GOSS from Hartford, CLYDE BECKWITH from Manchester, Conn., ROY COONS and TOM CROKAN from Springfield, others from other Chapters and other states.

Arrangements for the dinner were made by PHIL MCKIERNAN, JERRY's Sergeant at Arms last year.

This account makes no attempt to say which of the boys had their wives with them and who didn't. Most of them did.

An entertaining floor show accompanied an excellent turkey dinner. The show, we understand, came from the Mohican Hotel in Providence. Some of the boys lent a hand to eke out with a few amateur numbers, most successful being LEON "Muscles" VARNAM of Lynn with Madelon (in French and with the gestures); and most persistent being a toss-up between HENRY ELDRIDGE of Brockton and Capt. John Trainor of the 5th Marines.

AL HERMAN acted as toastmaster in a manner admitting of no imitation by any other toastmaster, past, present or future. AL was just Al, and you know Al.

Head-table speakers, each of whom told of JERRY's work for the Association during his term of office, included P.N.C.s BEN JAMES and LEN MALONEY, PHIL SANBORN, BOB DICKSON. The address of the evening was delivered by HAROLD SMITH in terms of glowing appreciation and friendship. Presentation of a gift to the guest of honor was made by National Commander APPLEBY.

Many letters and telegrams of regrets were read by the toastmaster including communications from Gov. Baldwin of Connecticut, Governor Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Senator Theodore Green, Mayor Tobin of Boston, Col. BILL BLAKE, and — saved for last — from Stephen Early, Secretary to President Roosevelt.

JERRY responded briefly at the conclusion of the ceremonies, saying he had merely done the best he knew how, and had enjoyed every minute of it.

Dancing was enjoyed between courses and at the conclusion of the speaking program.

WHY FIRE ENGINES ARE RED

If you've heard it, stop me. BOB DICKSON uncorked this one at JERRY O'LEARY's Dinner. Said it had no professional implication (Bob is in the fire extinguisher business).

Bob's youngster asked: "Dad, do you know why fire engines are red?" "No, I don't know that I do," said Bob.

"Well," replied the youngster, "newspapers are read, too; and two and two are four; and three times four is twelve; and twelve inches is a ruler; and a ruler is Queen Elizabeth; and Queen Elizabeth is a ship; and a ship sails on the ocean; and in the ocean are fishes; and fishes have fins; and the Finns fought the Russians; and the Russians are Red; and that's why fire engines are red."

"IS MY HAT ON STRAIGHT?"

Not hats, but "bars" — campaign bars, etc., worn on uniforms in place of the entire medals, is the subject in this case.

Noticing that almost every YD man who has a uniform wears his bars differently from every other one, we appealed for help to Col. PORTER B. CHASE, Adjutant General at the State House these many years, for the correct order of precedence. In matters military, Col. CHASE is like Gilbert & Sullivan's "modern major-general". He knows the answers.

The Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest decoration a man may receive from the United States, we don't have to worry much about. Not a single, living YD man has one. It is worn suspended by a ribbon around the neck.

All other decorations, or the bars representing them, are worn on the left breast. The position of honor is the top row, at the wearer's right. The order of precedence is as follows:

1. Distinguished Service Cross.
2. Distinguished Service Medal.
3. Purple Heart.
4. Silver Star.
5. Campaign bars in chronological order. (For example, a Spanish-American War bar would precede a Mexican Border bar. A Mexican Border bar would precede a Victory Medal bar.)
6. Foreign decorations. In this category, the medals (or bars) are worn in the order of the dates upon which the awards were made, without regard to the degree of honor conferred by each.
7. Other "hardware", not recognized by any official rulings, such as Verdun medals, Chateau Thierry medals, Past Commanders' badges, etc.

SUGGESTION TO CHAPTERS

A YD Chapter, large or small, is, among other things, an administrative unit. These few brief suggestions were prompted by a letter from LEON DENIS of Lynn Chapter.

An organization, no matter how small, will function more smoothly and efficiently if its affairs are conducted on a business-like basis.

The two fields where careful records should be kept at all times, are (1) Membership; (2) Finance. The first is the duty of the Secretary, the second the duty of the Treasurer.

The Secretary should know at any given moment, exactly how many members his chapter has; who they are, where they live, what their membership card number is. Too many Chapter Secretaries, when they receive the membership cards from the National Secretary, merely countersign them and send them on to the member. A space is left for the Chapter to number the card. It should be used. A record of the name, address and number should be kept, either in a loose-card system or a book. In the larger chapters, a sheet of cross-section paper forms an easy way of keeping a running tally, by weeks, or months, whichever you prefer, of the total membership. This should be displayed at meetings, showing whether progress is speeding up or slackening off.

The Treasurer of the larger chapters should keep a complete set of books — cash book, ledger and journal. In the smaller chapters a cash book should be sufficient.

You will be surprised how a workmanlike report at meetings by the Secretary and Treasurer will pep up the whole proceedings.

SOUND ADVICE FROM ONE WHO KNOWS

In a recent speech before the officers of the Mass. National Guard Association, Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, commanding officer of the First Army, had the following to say:

"Now is the time to avoid theories, books, diagrams and charts and to train men for offensive action in combat. A machine without control becomes a dangerous weapon. *Personal* initiative and positive *leadership, courage,* and dominant personality — these human qualities are and remain the *essentials* of the aggressive soldier. Any training program which neglects the basic development of Individual initiative is doomed to failure. *Individual* man becomes the *fundamental instrument* of war".

Dentist to Bishop being fitted to new set of "store teeth": "If they feel uncomfortable, tell me, and I'll fit them better for you."

Bishop, with new teeth in place, in a voice which made the walls tremble: "Christ! !"

Horrified, the dentist started to speak, but the bishop beat him to it.

In even louder voice: "Jee - suss! ! !"

"In Heaven's name, Bishop, take them out, let me see what's wrong."

"Nothing is wrong, sir, they are fine. For five years I haven't been able to utter those beautiful words without whistling."

OBJECTS TO ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Editor of Yankee Doings:

How come, those anonymous articles in October's issue of DOINGS? One by some fellow who wants to be King or President, or something, and another by some lad somewhere, squawking about last convention.

The "politician" says that "he's ready now" to fight Hitler and his gang except that "he is scared stiff before he starts"; and the other lad registers a squawk (as you put it) on a lousy convention. What has the "politician" got to hide, in requesting that his name be withheld? And why if the "squawker" sees fit to sign his letter, did you withhold his name (by choice)?

While taking the "scared politician's" speech for what it may be worth, I must concede that the "squawker" "has got something there". However, that is now water gone over the dam.

In all fairness to contributors too, as well as readers of YANKEE DOINGS, I would like to see the future editorial policy of DOINGS require, that any article or letter, or excerpt therefrom, contributed to DOINGS for publication, shall carry the name of the contributor.

Sincerely,

— KEN DENNIS.

Newport, R. I.

MORE ON THE BATTLE OF BOUCQ

I sure got a great kick out of reading "The Battle of Boucq" by "JAM" BROOKS, in the September YANKEE DOINGS. It brought back memories of that early morning when that plane came over and dropped a few smoke bombs. It was not long before they started shelling Boucq, and they did a good job, having direct range on Boucq from Mt. Sec. The natives said they could not, and never had, shelled Boucq. Anyhow, they did that morning!

It was early in the morning when they started dropping; it was not long before we were all up and around. Our captain gave orders to take at least four horses, so we did, until the shells dropped in the field right next to us; and brother you could not hold on to them no matter how hard you tried. They seemed to know the danger and they were on the run. What "Jam" Brooks said is true.

Here is my story, and can truthfully have it backed up by Corporal Alex Hall.

The shells came over so we went out to the corral to take as many horses as we could, and did fine at the start, but when the old tin cans started dropping it was each man for himself.

Thinking that I was a good runner, I started in the other direction, and soon Alex caught up with me. Were we traveling? When along came a couple of French Soldiers and went by us! I did not say much then, but when a couple of rabbits went by us as if we were hitched, I could not run any more. I began to laugh and Alex said, "What in H - - - is the matter with you?" I told him I thought I was a runner, but had to admit the rabbits had me stopped.

— JOE ABAIR.

CARRYING ON

DOINGS has no means of knowing how many of the old YD men of the war of twenty-two years ago are climbing back into uniforms to-day, but if Greater Boston is a fair sample, the old YD is holding its own.

The Greater Boston regiment of the newly organized State Guard, known as the 26th Infantry Regiment, is commanded by Colonel VINCENT C. BREEN, who served as Captain of C Co., 101st Infantry in the "other war".

His Lieutenant-Colonel is JOHN J. RILEY, who served as a lieutenant in Hq. Co., 101st Infantry. G-2 is GEORGE GILBODY (Hq. 101st Inf.).

There are three battalions in the regiment. Headquarters of the First Battalion is at the 101st Infantry Armory, East Newton St., Boston. The Major of the battalion is ANDREW J. BERNARD, formerly a lieutenant in A Co., 101st Infantry. Adjutant is GUY WATTS, former sergeant in C Co., 104th Infantry. Battalion headquarters is commanded by 1st Lieutenant ALBERT M. PACIFICI, formerly of B Co., old 101st.

A Company is commanded by Capt. WALTER GRANT, former sergeant in I Co., 101st Inf.; C Company by Capt. EDWARD A. "Slivers" CONNOR (C Co., 101st Inf.); D Company by Capt. FRED L. JACKSON (D Co., 101st Inf.).

The Second Battalion will have headquarters at the South Armory, Irvington St., Boston. H Company is commanded by Capt. CLARENCE W. CLARK (F Co., 101st Inf.).

BARRY KEENAN (B Co., 102nd M.G. Bn.) commands I Co. in the third battalion.

In addition to the officer personnel, doubtless many other YD men will be in the enlisted ranks, as the regiment grows.

In addition to this regiment, others of the "old gang" have signed up in the First Massachusetts Motor Corps, with Headquarters at the Cadet Armory. The only two DOINGS happens to know of, are the National Treasurer, LEA REDFIELD (F Co., 101st Engrs.) and VERNON HITCHINS (B Co., 101st Engrs.).

IT'S THEIR VIEW-POINT

The "politician", (who, incidentally, expressly stated that he *didn't* want to be President, but merely to make a speech), was the editor of YANKEE DOINGS. His name is PHIL SANBORN. He wrote the "letter to the editor", in his right as a *member* of the Association to write a letter to the editor. His reason for withholding his name was so it wouldn't appear he was hogging the whole issue for his own views, after already having contributed the editorial article.

The man who "squawked" about the Convention is still anonymous so far as we're concerned. He didn't ask to have his name left out. He didn't even ask to have his letter printed. We don't believe it's fair to him to grab his letter, which was not written for publication, and print it name and all.

Attention! All Department and Chapter Commanders

The "Mother Club" of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, the YD Memorial Club of Boston, will hold its annual Military Ball again this year at the Copley Plaza Hotel, on December 6. This year will mark the greatest gathering of uniformed service men since the first World War. Communications have been received from various of the services, but space will allow the publication of only one, which is typical of the others. It reads as follows:

"United States Marine Corps, Office of the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Boston Massachusetts. Oct. 30, 1940.
Mr. Timothy J. Mulcahy, Chairman Publicity,
YD Memorial Club of Boston.
My dear Sir:—

Thank you very much for your kind invitation for the officers here at the Barracks to attend the annual Military Ball of the YD Memorial Club of Boston to be held on Dec. 6, 1940, at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

The invitation has been extended to all officers, and I hope that a number will be able to attend on that evening.

With my very best wishes for a pleasant evening, on that occasion.

Very truly yours,
s/H. C. Pierce,
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps,
Commanding."

In view of the above, gentlemen, it is requested that the Department Commanders of each State take command of their respective States, and with the assistance of their Chapter Commanders, notify every YD member within their respective States of the YD Military Ball in Boston.

We have always had a large representation of YD (and other service men) from nearby States, but this year we know that there will be quite a number from the far-off States. They told us so at the National Legion Convention — but they want it called to their attention through YANKEE DOINGS and through their State and Chapter Commanders. Many of our YD men are constantly traveling about the country, and many will be within flying, rail, auto and boat distance of Boston on Dec. 6th. Come and spend the week-end.

The uniform inspires patriotism, so come in uniform — if possible. If not, formal evening clothes.

— TIMOTHY J. MULCAHY,
Chairman Publicity,
Military Ball Committee.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

BRUCE LANCASTER (Batt. A, 101st F.A.) author of "The Guns of Burgoyne", is the author of a new book, published on October 28 by Frederick A. Stokes Co., entitled "For Us, the Living." It is described as "a major novel about Abraham Lincoln."

Commander Johannes F. Jensen, U.S.N.R. retired, formerly Captain of the army transport "Finland", received belated recognition for heroic conduct during the First World War, in the form of the Navy Cross, bestowed upon him on October 16, at the office of the Third Naval District in New York. The Finland, as you will remember, took the 102nd Field Artillery across. On the return voyage she was torpedoed. Commander Jensen's citation reads that he was "largely responsible for the saving of that ship and its being brought safely into port after being torpedoed."

On October 5, LAWRENCE G. MILLER, first Commander of the since defunct St. Louis Chapter, YDVA, took as his bride Miss Margaret Chamberlain.

Dr. CHARLES EDWARD H. BATES, formerly a second lieutenant in command of a platoon engaged in the attack on Marcheville, France, on September 26, 1918, received a D.S.C. for his valor on that day. Practically alone in one section of the town, he turned a machine gun on the enemy making them believe a fairly large detachment was present. At night, in accordance with orders, he withdrew. On September 26, 1940, just 22 years after, he stood in the

Federal Plaza of the San Francisco Worlds Fair, with the Treasure Island Company, U. S. Army, and heard that citation read again, one of a series of "Heroes of Yesteryear" presented by the Fair.

Joseph (Joe, to you) Gannon, (104th Inf.) of May & Gannon, was elected President of the Boston Securities Traders' Association on September 30.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

With the organization of a fully officered Department of Vermont and the initiation of regular meetings, Maine now remains the only New England state not functioning through a state department. The accident which befell the Department Commander in late summer made it impossible for many weeks for him to do any work. Since that time the National Commander and his staff have been so busy filling other engagements, that unfortunately, Maine has had to be neglected.

But if the weather man will just hold off with the snow, the "flying squadron" will hit the Pine Tree State and help Commander Hagar to "get organized." Set the date and the place, and sing out, Hazen.

LEWISTON - AUBURN
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: Linwood C. Jewett
Secretary: William E. Roach
179 College St., Lewiston, Me.

At our meeting on October 2, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander, Linwood C. Jewett; Sr. V.C., Elliott K. Hale; Jr. V.C., Walter S. Sawtell; Treasurer, Jess C. Farnum; Secretary William E. Roach; Chaplain, Frank C. Jackson; Historian, Norman S. Thomas; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank A. Mank; Trustees, Eugene A. Beaudoin, Joseph J. Cychol, Maurice A. Pearl.

Names of delinquent members were assigned to those present with instruction to report progress at the next meeting.

The monthly social meeting was held on October 16, with the new Commander, Linwood Jewett, presiding. The membership drive report was not so hot, but at least a start has been made, with one back in the fold and the promise of another to pay before next week.

Jewett celebrated his elevation to the Commander's chair by putting on a very tasty buffet lunch of sandwiches, crackers-and-cheese, pickles, a swell cake made by his C.O., and hot coffee.

Arrangements have been completed to put on a show by a radio troupe from WBZ-WBZA here in our City Hall on our "Republican Thanksgiving Day" — November 28, and to help fatten up our treasury a bit.

— W. E. R.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: William J. McNulty, 6 High St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, 59 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

We held our last State Meeting in Keene, on Sunday, October 13th, and the following Chapters were present: Concord with 3 members, Triangle 3 members, Manchester 4 members, Keene 17 members and Nashua with 23 members. Dept. Commander McNulty had promised two bottles of rye (not bread) to the Chapter with the largest attendance but with the approval of the comrades of the Nashua Chapter one was given to Keene Chapter. Note: Hereafter the attendance prize given by the Dept. Commander will be figured on percentage in fairness to the smaller Chapters.

National Commander Austin Appleby as-

sisted by Nat. Sgt. at Arms JAMES SULLIVAN installed the Dept. Officers of New Hampshire:

Commander, WILLIAM J. McNULTY, Nashua Chapter; Secretary, EDWARD S. LEBLANC, Nashua Chapter; Chaplain, FRED THRASHER, Triangle Chapter; Sgt. at Arms, MIKE ZALUKI, Keene Chapter; Treasurer, LEON MAGEE, Concord Chapter. The other Dept. Officers were absent.

National Commander APPLEBY presented Dept. Treasurer LEON MAGEE with a Certificate for Meritorious Service.

Nat. Comm. APPLEBY presented BILL McNULTY with a pen and pencil set to raffle as he saw fit. So Comrade NORMAN SPENCER was named Chairman of this raffle, the money to be used as a Hospital fund.

Dept. Comm. McNULTY appointed a committee of three (3) to visit the Vets Hospital in White River Jct., Vt., to ascertain what the officials would like in the way of entertainment for the Buddies there. The Committee: Dept. Chaplain THRASHER, chairman, of Triangle; DIAMOND NADEAU and EDWARD S. LEBLANC, of Nashua Chapter.

Dept. Commander McNULTY would like to put this mesesage across to all you comrades, 1st, that you pay your DUES at once or as soon as possible, (if you have already paid, thanks a million).

2nd, That you appoint yourself a Committee of one to contact and sign up at least one YD comrade.

3rd, Last, but not least, that if you can afford to pay your Convention Registration fee now to the Convention Corp., it will be greatly appreciated. Send your checks and money orders now to EUGENE DUGAS, YD Filling Station, Manchester, N. H.

Remember Comrades of the YDVA this National Convention for 1941 will be held in Manchester. This does not mean that all the work has to be done by Manchester Chapter. It means that each and everyone of you bozoes are to be host to your comrades in the YDVA. So get the cramps out of your fingers and pay now.

Dept. Comm. McNULTY assisted National Comm. APPLEBY on his visit to Rutland, Vt. on Oct. 6th, Bill came back Monday, (rain). He will be back in Montpelier, Vt. on Sunday, Nov. 17th to help in the installation.

On Saturday, October 26th, Dept.. Commander McNULTY and Miss Claire Foley and Dept. Sec. and Mrs. EDWARD S. LEBLANC attended the Testimonial Dinner to Past Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY in Providence, R. I.

Our next State meeting will held in Lebanon, N. H. on Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

At Keene, the Honorable Mayor, Richard Holbrook, Capt. Inf. Retired, extended the greetings of Keene to the visiting comrades. Dept. Commander of Vt. RAYMOND COLLINS was called on for remarks and invited all the boys to come over on the 17th of November. Others who were called on for remarks were as follows: Nat. Comm. APPLEBY, Nat. Sgt. at Arms SULLIVAN, Past Dept. Comm. of N. H. EUGENE DUGAS and Past Nat. Historian and present City Councilman of Keene, N. H., Comrade LEROY CODDING.

MIKE ZALUKI was Chairman of the buffet lunch and refreshments. After the meeting Nat. Comm. APPLEBY showed pictures of the Boston Convention and also the picturesque "Isle of Bali". If the "Isle of Bali" was in Manchester in June, 1941, I dare say that all registrations would be paid now with standing room only.

Just got a rumor that the membership committee of Nashua Chapter has finally gone to town with their drive, so watch them as they intend

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1940

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TICKETS 50 CENTS

to break all records made by the Nashua Chapter.

Sorry that I have been so gabby, so, au revoir until next month.

— E. S. L.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John W. Dunlap
401 Highland St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Edward St.-Jean
845 Clay St., Manchester, N. H.

Our regular meeting on October 9 had to be cancelled in order that we might devote all our time to the ladies, for, as you know, this was our Annual Ladies' Night. A swell time was had by all who came. Believe me, it was a grand sight to see a hundred couples get together for a real YD night. Beano was enjoyed for a while, then the ladies put on the feed. Dancing followed until midnight when the party broke up.

Some of the boys were kind of stiff in their joints next morning but were just getting primed for our Thanksgiving Ball on November 28, at the American Legion Home.

Believe it or not, the strongest there was in the hall on Ladies' Night was good coffee. The big home-made pies were won by ARMAND MONTMINY; and the big cake by JOHN FOLEY.

We extend one and all an invitation to be with us on Thanksgiving Night — our Annual Ball, Sweeney Post, American Legion Home, Manchester, N. H.

— E. C. S.

NASHUA

Commander: Alphonse Tanguay
Milford Road, Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Hector J. Pontbriand
11 Nevada St., Nashua, N. H.

Nashua's membership was increased by 26 on October 26, when the dues of that many members were turned over by BILL MCNULTY to the National Secretary. This brings Nashua close to the 60 mark.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond E. Collins, 101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

A meeting of the Department of Vermont was held in G.A.R. Hall, Rutland, on Sunday afternoon, October 6.

The meeting opened with Department Commander COLLINS in the Chair who explained the purpose of the meeting, namely to organize a State Department, elect Department officers, lay plans for consolidating the chapters in the state, form new ones, and, make preliminary plans for the adoption of a Department Constitution.

Members were present from Rutland, St. Albans, and Washington County Chapters, also from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The following National Officers were present: Commander APPLEBY, Sgt. at Arms SULLIVAN, Historian BUGBEE, Secretary SANBORN; also the following Department Commanders, MCNULTY of New Hampshire, DARLING of Rhode Island.

In the Boston delegation, in addition to those mentioned were ERROL EMERY of the 104th Infantry, and accompanying RAN DARLING from Rhode Island was PETE BOURGET, and MULLARKEY of Apremont Chapter, BILL BERGIN of Kent County Chapter.

After opening the meeting, Commander COLLINS turned the Chair over to the National Commander, and following remarks by many visiting officers, the election proceeded, with the following results:

Vice Commanders, WILLIAM CUDWORTH (Brattleboro), CLIFTON KELLY (St. Albans); Treasurer, JOHN H. STRONG (Rutland); Secretary, JOSEPH G. ABAIR (Washington County); Chaplain, HARRY W. BUGBEE (St. Albans); Historian, CHARLES GLEASON (Rutland); Service Officer, ARTHUR W. SMITH (Rutland); Judge Advocate, Sheriff ERNEST SCHOENFELD (Rutland); Sgt. at Arms, FRANK SHEDD (Rutland).

It was announced that the charters of Burlington, Bellows Falls and Springfield Chapters had been revoked, two of them having no paid-up members at all, the other having one. It was decided to attempt to reorganize the Bellows Falls-Springfield district as one chapter, and make another attempt to get a going concern in Burlington, where there must be 150 or more YD men.

It was voted to hold the installation of officers as guests of Washington County Chapter on November 17, at the Montpelier Tavern, Montpelier, presided over by mine host ENOCH LYMAN.

AUSTIN APPLEBY showed his reels of the Bos-

ton YD Convention and (of course) Bali. Then nearly everyone adjourned to a nearby restaurant where, in a private dining room, an excellent dinner was enjoyed.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Joseph G. Abair
8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph G. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

A regular meeting was held at the American Legion Rooms in Northfield on Friday, October 25, at 7:00 P. M. A superfine dinner was served (at 75c) by the ladies of Northfield Legion Auxiliary.

The speaker of the evening was Major Charles Barber, chairman of the selective service board. ARTHUR FARRAR showed movies of some of his trips around the country.

JOE ABAIR writes that he had a chance to help out JAMES DEBONA, a member of the Chapter, who was in trouble with a garage man over a bill. Seems DEBONA was back in Montpelier to pick up his family and take them to Alberton, Georgia, where he is now employed. Car skidded, damaged, and the garage bird was soaking him plenty for repairs. DEBONA also reports seeing Gen. PETER TRAUB in Georgia.

RUTLAND
Commander: Raymond E. Collins
101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: William Woodbury
109 No. Main St., Rutland, Vt.

We held our regular meeting on October 10, and although a swell feed was on hand, only a few showed up.

— R. E. C.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John T. Sullivan, 16 Goodwin Ave., Revere, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Gilbert T. Cass, 20 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

State Meeting — Haverhill — October 6

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held as the guests of Haverhill Chapter, in their quarters, on October 6, with Commander JOHN T. SULLIVAN in the Chair.

Quite a few of the national officers were in Rutland, Vt., on this day, helping to get a State Department of Vermont organized, and thus were unable to attend this meeting. However, nearly all of the Department officers were present, and a large attendance was on hand.

The Department voted to go on record as offering their help to the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth in anything he might call upon its members to do.

Mrs. Thomas Crokan of the Springfield YD Auxiliary, and several ladies of the Haverhill Auxiliary, appeared before the meeting to request permission to organize a State Department YD Auxiliary. The question was tabled until the Chapters comprising the Department could be consulted and take it up at their own meetings. A further report will be made at the November 3rd meeting in Lowell.

GUY WATTS brought up the question of the proper way in which medals, campaign bars, etc., should be worn on the uniform, stated he noticed men present were wearing them all sorts of ways. He was appointed a committee of one to ascertain the correct order of precedence and report back to the next meeting. (See article elsewhere in this issue. — Ed.)

At the conclusion of the meeting, the ladies were invited in, to join with the men present, to listen to an address on Americanism by the National Americanism Officer, ROYAL K. HAYES.

Luncheon was served by Haverhill Chapter and Auxiliary.

— GILBERT T. CASS,
Department Secretary.

Department Commander SULLIVAN has been undergoing a reducing course at the Jon Adams Hospital in Chelsea; in other words treatment for a stomach condition. However, he got a 24-hour pass to attend JERRY O'LEARY's Dinner in Providence, but Mrs. Sullivan had to do most of the eating. John had a little milk and water.

BOSTON
Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The guest speaker at the monthly smoker on October 17, was .... a graduate of the University of Vienna, who was

engaged in newspaper work in Austria before Anschluss; and who has since contributed articles on foreign affairs to newspapers in the United States.

In his talk, he described the Nazi system of economic penetration, with the words, "Crash and Carry". His lecture engaged the undivided interest of the large gathering.

The Annual Military Ball, the big social event of the Club season, will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on December 6. Those who have attended the past four or five years need no urging to be on hand for an evening of fun and gaiety. Again AL BARNARD is serving as Chairman of the committee. Tickets are $1.00

Membership in the YD Club of Boston has now exceeded last year's final figure, and is the highest in years.

FRED C. JACKSON (101st Inf.) has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of EDWARD J. "Knocko" MCCORMACK, who recently resigned as 1st Vice President of the Club.

YANKEE DIVISION POST NO. 290, A. L.

As chairman of the membership drive of YD Post, No. 290, A.L., during the past year, I want to take this opportunity to extend to each member who assisted me and to those who responded to the drive, my sincere appreciation.

The Post certainly went over the top, having acquired more members than it has enjoyed for several years. It was greatly appreciated by me, not only to have the many new members join up, but to see those who had strayed away for many years come back again into the fold. After all, as I have stated many times during the drive, "Once a YD man, always a YD man," and although we may have our differences of opinion at times, we still can take it as well as give it.

Although it required a lot of time and effort for our accomplishments, the results we obtained were well worth everything we put into it. Again let me say, Thanks a lot.

— JIM POWERS.

BEVERLY

Commander: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Cedric Hodgman
19 Federal St., Beverly, Mass.

Beverly Chapter is considering holding an Annual Banquet, more of which will appear in next month's issue.

Three more members have paid dues, and it seems that after the pep talk given by Commander BRIGHT, things will begin to boom in Beverly Chapter.

The chapter will turn out with YD shirts, ties, and canes for the Armistice Day Parade to be held in Beverly.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November the 14th. And it looks now as though your humble servant would have something more to report on the Annual Banquet.

— C. H.

CONCORD

"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: B. Alcott Pratt
73 Main St., Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Reginald A. Morgan
99 Main St., Concord, Mass.

This Chapter opened the fall season with a meeting in the private dining room at Tony Iasi's "YD Cafe" in Bedford. Tony as a good YD YD man treated us right and we recommend his place to any comrade who is on the road between Lexington and Bedford.

Because our membership spreads over the Middlesex towns of Concord, Bedford, Lexington, Carlisle, Lincoln, Sudbury, Stow, Maynard and Acton we intend to have our meetings in the various communities represented.

Of the tweny-five or so present, four were new members: HAROLD E. CLAPP of North Acton (C Battery, 101st F.A.); JOHN J. CONNAIR, So. Lincoln (Co. I, 104th Inf.); HAROLD L. ETHERIDGE of Lexington, (51st F.A. Brigade Hdqs.); and JAMES E. O'DONNELL of Bedford, (Co. B. 101st Inf.).

We were particularly glad to have with us as guests both the National Commander and the State Commander, with their Sgts. at Arms. Their enthusiastic remarks, helpful advice and well-told stories, doubtless gathered at other YD campfires, added a great deal to our evening and again impressed us all with the solidarity of the YDVA.

Our Chapter Historian, THOMAS H. MANSFIELD (M Co., 104th Inf.) having recently died, a brief Memorial Silence in his honour was observed during the evening exercises. "Coxey" was one of the group chiefly responsible for the organization of this Chapter and we shall miss his ready willingness to help on any Chapter project.

After the conclusion of the business meeting refreshments were served and National Com-

mander APPLEBY showed us his reels of war pictures of the "Blitzkrieg Era". Before the showing was over some of us concluded that being "Old Timers" in these days had its merits. We also had a treat in seeing the YDVA parade before our eyes through the medium of the National Commander's excellent colored pictures of the Convention. As most of us saw very little of the parade ourselves, we found much of interest and much to impress us with the fact that the Old Division still marches on.

The next meeting of this Chapter will be held in December at a time and place to be determined. Any comrades who can join us for a good rousing meeting will be welcome and the writer will be glad to send a notice to any Chapter who would like to send a delegation.

— REX A. MORGAN.

DANVERS

Commander: Edward W. Bates
20 Central Ave., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held its first meeting for the fall season on Wed., Oct. 23, at the Three Bears Tea Room, Danvers. We were unable to secure Mrs. Pike's where we usually hold our meetings, due to the fact that the place was booked up for Oct. and Nov. However, we had a fine chicken dinner and a good turnout; 20 out of 25 members attending. We had invited our Nat. Comm., and Nat. Sgt. at Arms, but they were away at Detroit and Cleveland, but to show they were thinking of us they had the Chapters out there send us a real YD greeting, so thanks Toledo, Detroit and Cleveland. We also invited our State Dept. Commander, but Johnnie was in the hospital, worse luck, so he sent his two stooges along, — LEON VARNAM and WALTER SMITH from the Lynn Chapter.

The November meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, same place. Put that down on your calendar.

A very interesting meeting took place after the chow. All YD boys living in Danvers who are not members will be personally contacted by a member who will bring them along to our next meeting as guests of the chapter, in order that they may see what a good time we have at our meetings. Let them see what they are missing by not joining the chapter. It will be interesting to see how it works.

The Chapter also went on record as condemning the attitude of the local postmaster in refusing to allow the Post Office workers to attend the funeral of our late Comrade Lieut. J. LEVASSEUR, who until his death was an employee at the local office. Copies of said resolutions to be sent to the press, Senators and Congressman, and the Postmaster-General, asking for an explanation of such action.

Since our last meeting we have lost two comrades, FRANK DRAPER in July, and JOE LEVASSEUR who died suddenly of heart troube Oct. 13. He was given a full military funeral by the YD and Veterans of Foreign Wars. There was a large turnout of his old comrades from Co. H, 104th Infantry, 102nd F.A. in which he was a 1st Lieut., and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of which he was charter member. The Colors were carried by the following comrades of the Salem YD Chapter: Comrades LEGER who carried the YD Colors, Comrade TOMKINS who carried the V.F.W. Colors, and Comrade ST. CHARLES who carried the Nat. Colors.

Our treasurer gave a fine financial statement due to the efforts of the Century Club, headed by our first Commander, HAROLD WILLIAMS. Don't forget, chapter members, if you want to know about the Century Club, HAROLD will be more than pleased to accommodate you. Tentative plans were also made for the December Meeting which will be in the form of a Fathers' and Children's night. All in all, our first meeting for the fall season was a great success, so all you Danvers Chapter members, go out and scoop the rest of the gang in for our next meeting.

— C. W. D.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Kennedy
121 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Bernard W. Brown
73 Blossom St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter has been going along nicely with a total to date of 91 members with more to come before the close of the year, hoping to reach the 100 mark.

At our second meeting of the month Commander KENNEDY said, "Let's go and get them and bring them in, one member more is better then none." So in spite of the cold weather, the drive is on.

At this meeting our S.V.C. JOHN H. CRAIN told us why he was the best truck-driver in the A.E.F. and on that we agree with him. Another question arose at this meeting, "Where were the leak-proof Barracks?"

Comrade JOE PARMENTER gave us an interesting talk on camps and contracts. Questions

were asked freely. Comrade LEONARD DURKIN favored us with some French songs. Comrade CHARLES BLANCHARD did some contortionist stuff. On the question of how to enlarge membership, ULRIC MERCIER topped them all.

Hope to see you comrades in Lowell, Nov. 3rd.

— B. W. B.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Martin F. Goyette
95 Bradford Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

October has come and gone, and the season's activities of Haverhill Chapter and its Auxiliary are under way.

The State Department held its monthly meeting with the Haverhill Chapter on Sunday, October 6, and after the business meeting, Haverhill Auxiliary served dinner to those present.

Sr. Vice-Com. ROY WIGHTMAN is at it, hammer-and-tongs on Thursday evenings, conducting the weekly Whist Parties at the Dugout, with the able assistance of Mrs. Wightman, president of the Auxiliary. Believe me, they are doing a swell job, with the Auxiliary members serving lunch.

We have held two regular meetings this month and things are taking shape for a busy winter. Before the news goes to press, the Auxiliary's Hallowe'en Party, to be held at the Dugout, on Wednesday, October 30th, will be in the past. The committee, Sally Hart, Lerah Wightman and Catherine Hamilton, sure have something big planned, but they alone know, and they won't tell.

Let's hope I am able to make next month's eport after attending the above-mentioned arty.

W. PERRY TARLETON, Sec.

Haverhill Auxiliary

This time rather than going to a show while the boys were busy with their business meeting, the girls gathered for one of their own. Kit Crokan of Springfield was appointed chairman and she, in turn, appointed Mary Brunton her secretary. There were members present from Springfield, Lynn and Haverhill. The topic of forming a State Department of the Auxiliary was discussed.

A committee was appointed to take the matter up with the boys, which they did then and there. No definite answer could be given, but at least we have started something.

Patriotic colors and garden flowers decorated the Dugout, of which we are very proud. It has taken a lot of work, but looks grand we think now.

As has been mentioned in the chapter news, we are co-operating with them on the whist parties this winter. Every Thursday evening some of the members make and serve the lunch.

Of course, we are getting ready for the parade Armistice Day. Also we will all get together for dinner at the Dugout afterwards.

The biggest event was the Hallowe'en party, Wednesday, October 30.

A grand march was held and the best and funniest costumes chosen. The "most original woman" going to Jo McCormic, who was a very good Mae West; the funniest to Marie Sargent, who can't be described; the best man to Rose Harrigan, who fooled them all by wearing a Chinese mask; the best couple Mr. and Mrs. C. H. REID as a witch and black cat. ROY WIGHTMAN, as a bat, also came in for a prize. The prettiest girl went to Mary Hamilton in a dance costume. TED BRINDAMOUR as a Rube, took a prize.

The judges were Miss Mary Conlon, of Haverhill, Mrs. Lillian Hayes of Lynn, Melva Pattison of Cambridge and "Ed" Manning of Boston.

Best of all was when National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY and Mrs. Appleby walked in, just too late for the grand march but in time for dinner and dancing.

Tuesday, October 15, the chapter and auxiliary gathered and went to Dad Galvin's in honor of his birthday. Sunday, October 20, we all joined with the families of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Greenleaf in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversay. Mattie is our Junior Vice-president.

All in all, we are busy but happy.

Lerah Wightman, Pres.

LOWELL

Commander: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Eugene G. Ricard
151 Central St., Lowell, Mass.

Lowell Chapter resumed its monthly meetings on October 22, after a long vacation. (Reason for not appearing in DOINGS.)

We did have an outing on August 11, at Blais Grove in Tyngsboro, Mass. But — with very few in attendance. The Committee had provided for at least 100 members and their friends with food, foamy refreshments, and several kinds of snake-bite remedies. The spot was ideal but

the customers were few. However, our National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, and his genial Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES "Colorado" SULLIVAN helped to restore a grin on the faces of the hard-working committee by their presence. The Nashua gang, captained by Commander TANGUAY, arrived in time for the soft ball game and gave the Lowell outfit quite a time of it. Especially as National Commander APPLEBY was getting in trim for his umpiring job, but no bats were broken, so he went home without any souvenirs. We also were fortunate to have with us our State Commander JOHN SULLIVAN, together with a delegation from Lynn headed by their Commander. All in all, those present enjoyed themselves and the chapter felt gratified even though it had to shoulder a loss.

At our first meeting, plans were made to receive the State Meeting members which will be held in the Legion quarters, Nov. 3, through the courtesy of Charles J. Keyes, Commander; and Wililam Gilligan, Custodian of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Lunch will be served in our own quarters.

Personals

CHARLIE SIMPSON (104th Inf.) has just returned from a visit to New York and Washington.

JAMES MCKEARNEY (101st Eng.) celebrated his 20 wedding anniversay in New York with the Mrs. (of course).

Chaplain CLARENCE HILDRETH suffered injuries when he was struck by an automobile, but is on the road to recovery. This happened just as CLARENCE was "on high" with the membership drive of which he was chairman.

While on the subject of membership, 10 new members were added to our membersip making it 60 just at present.

Here is hoping that we will pass last year's mark of 69 members. The Membership Committee won't dissolve until the last year's mark has been bettered. The Officers appreciate the presence of a large number of members at its regular meetings as it goes to a lot of expense in sending cards to all.

Lowell Chapter has sent a letter to the Lowell School Committee recommending a change in the salute to the Flag as now practiced by the School Children. The present form of salute is in the opinion of the Lowell Chapter, YDVA, un-American. This matter to be taken up at the next meeting of the School Committee.

More about Lowell in the next DOINGS.

— EUGENE G. RICARD, Secretary.

LYNN
Commander: Walter Smith
53 New Ocean St., Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

We have passed the 200 mark in membership and still going strong. Our activities are many and Armistice Day we expect to have a big crowd in line, led by those crack YD Juniors of Boston. Lynn Chapter has always marched as a unit every Armistice Day since 1919 and always makes a proud showing.

On Armistice Eve, November 10th at 7 P.M. we hold our 22nd Annual Banquet at Pythian Castle and tickets are $1.50. All YD men and their wives are welcome, not just from Lynn, but let us know ahead of time. CARL "Constitutional" RUDDOCK is general chairman, assisted by CLAUDE HOAG, LEON VARNAM, EUSTIS GRIMES, PERLEY KNIGHT, ROYAL THOMAS, RAY DOUCETTE, RUDOLPH HEFTYE, WALTER SMITH and EARL BAILEY, who are all working hard for this big event.

And our big surprise, — We are forming a YD Junior Drum & Bugle Corps, and next year at Manchester, watch our gang do its stuff! HARRY MOORE, a YD man, who really knows his stuff will have full charge, assisted by a board of governors, composed of EDWIN RICH, EUSTIS GRIMES and RAY DOUCETTE.

We believe our activities speak for our growth in membership. A successful chapter cannot meet just once a month and not have any sincere activities for its members. Over 200 members, over $2000.00 in the bank — a successful magazine of our own each month, a Trust Fund, quarters of our own, monthly smokers, meetings every Tuesday with free lunches and climaxed by a big Party and box for every YD man at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital at Xmas. Participation in all local civic affairs and donations to all worthy causes, tells the story, gang.

One of our good members is back in active duty again and we wish him luck. He is Captain NORVILLE MILMORE, now in Texas. It's also now — Lt. Colonel FRANK CROWE, Major THURLOW DUNNING and Captain PETER O'NEILL. Congratulations, you 3 Musketeers.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

MARLBOROUGH
Commander: Alphonse Lessard
Clover Hill, Marlborough, Mass.
Secretary: Harry Sherman
52 Neil St., Marlborough, Mass.

Meeting held Oct. 29th at Legion Hall. Called

by Com. LESSARD. A small attendance was present. Took in five new members. Voted to attend Lowell Dep't. Meeting, Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

Two Comrades have been admitted to Veterans Hospital.

Voted to raffle a Turkey Dinner for the Welfare fund.

Next meeting will be subject to call by Commander.

— HARRY SHERMAN, Sec.

MILFORD

Commander: Michael J. Hachey
71 Main St., Milford, Mass.
Secretary: William O'Reilly
62 Bancroft Park, Hopedale, Mass.

In the October issue of DOINGS I was surprised to find that someone had taken my place that correspondents have until October 31. I had not done my job as Secretary by not sending in a written report of the new officers installed.

In the first place, our installation was held October 2. YANKEE DOINGS clearly states that correspondents havee until October 31. I resent the slap, and whoever sent the notice in was equally wrong when he said that for the most part last year's officers were re-elected and installed. Milford had no installation in 1939. I would like DOINGS to correct this wrong impression.

(Ed. Note — The account appearing last month was written by the editor of DOINGS from the verbal account given by GUY WATTS who attended the meeting.)

National Commander APPLEBY, assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms SULLIVAN installed the following officers at Major CROCKETT's dugout on October 2:

Commander, MICHAEL J. HACHEY, Sr. V.C. GUY DE AMELIO; Treasurer, OTIS L. STONE; Secretary, WILLIAM A. O'REILLY; Chaplain THOMAS W. DREW; Trustees, for 3 years, MILTON F. DOXEY; 2 years, FORREST R. TOWER; 1 year, LESTER P. MANN.

— W. A. O'R.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roy E. Coons.
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield Chapter will hold all future regular meetings on the first and third Fridays of the month. These meetings will be held at the Hotel Charles and will commence promptly at 8.00 P. M. Article eight of the newly revised by-laws reads as follows:

MEETINGS

The Chapter shall hold regular meetings on the first and third Friday of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called at any time by vote of the Chapter or at the direction of the Commander. All members in good standing shall be notified of any special meeting and the reason for which it is being called.

Please make a note of our meeting dates and plan to be present at all future meetings.

At the present time, we have sixty-six paid up members. We only need thirty-four more members to reach our quota of one hundred members. If every one will put his shoulder to the wheel this can easily be accomplished.

Our newly revised by-laws have been printed and put in book form. Be sure to get your copy from the secretary at the next meeting.

We are all looking forward to spending a very pleasant evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. FRANK W. LARROW, Wednesday, October 30th. It looks like a big time. All are requested to come in costume, for we expect the witches will be flying.

Comrade ED. LEAHY is confined to Newington Hospital with several broken ribs. Here's hoping that he gets better soon, as we miss him at our meetings. How about dropping Ed. a card once in a while! !

I had the pleasure, along with about twenty other members of the Chapter, of attending an exceptionally fine testimonial dinner given in honor of Colonel John J. Higgins. This dinner was put on by Springfield Post, No. 21, American Legion, on Thursday evening, October 24th, at the G.A.R. Hall. Colonel Higgins is the new commander of the 104th Infantry, National Guard, and will soon be leaving us for active service at Camp Edwards, on the Cape. The Legion presented him with an exceptionally fine wardrobe traveling bag, and toilet kit. Incidentally, Colonel Higgins is an associate member of Springfield Chapter, and we all wish him the best of everything in his new adventure.

Things are shaping up well for our annual Armistice Party, as the committee is working hard to make this year's party the best ever.

Sr. Vice Commander BRUNTON is certainly a busy man. Along with his regular job of teaching at Trade School, he is conducting a National Defense evening class three nights a week. In

addition to this, he is very active in the Chapter, and never too busy to assist in all our programs.

RUSSELL SMITH is connected with Schenk's Package Store, Corner Dwight and Sanford Sts., so if you are planning to do a little celebrating for the holidays, stop in to see Russ.

HENRY ROUX is now living in his new home in Hampden. He was given a house warming quite recently where all those attending had a glorious time.

STANLEY KOSIARSKI, one of our new members, runs a barber shop at the X. Next time you want your ears lifted, stop in to see him.

Hope to see you all at our regular meetings during November.

— R. F. P.

Springfield YD Auxiliary

We spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. FRANK LARROW where our Hallowe'en Party was held October 30th. The recreation room was very tastefully decorated with corn stalks, pumpkins, and jack-o-lanterns. I will not attempt to describe the costumes worn, some were unique, some very pretty and some were just plain funny. Games and dancing were enjoyed by all and there were plenty of refreshments of all kinds.

Our October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Easton and was very well attended. After the meeting a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

—. Irene Coons,
Secretary.

WORCESTER

Commander: Fred A. Jones
4 Tatnuck Terrace, Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent
13 Denny Street, Worcester, Mass.

At the meeting on October 3, Worcester Chapter elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander, FRED A. JONES; Sr. V.C., ROBERT VAIL; Jr. V.C., EUGENE GILLIAM; Treasurer, WILLIAM F. MURPHY; Chaplain, GEORGE GAUMOND; Trustee for three years, THOMAS F. MCCARTHY.

These officers will be installed at installation ceremonies to be held on November 7. At this meeting, every man who has served as Commander of this Chapter since it was organized, will be presented with an official Past Commander's medal. The incoming Commander will also receive a medal, this to be passed on from year to year to each succeeding Commander.

The annual turkey raffle will be held on November 26, HARRY BLOCK is chairman.

The office of Adjutant (Secretary in most of the other chapters) is filled by appointment. It is the Chapter's desire to continue ERNIE PARENT in this job, but he has a new position as a special officer at Worcester Tech., and doubts if he'll be able to give sufficient time to his Worcester YD Chapter job.

— E. C. P.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Randolph Darling, 124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: John J. Kelley
47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter held one of its most successful meetings since the re-birth of the chapter. A goodly number turned out and the interest displayed was truly encouraging. Let's have more of these sessions.

A few of the highlights of the meetings were as follows: A most interesting address by James Girvan, son of one of our members, who was sent to the Little Rhody Boys State last summer as a delegate from Providence chapter. He spoke on his experiences and the educational benefits derived from his attendance.

The Annual Military Ball of the chapter will have been staged by the time you read this account, but unquestionably it will be one of the season's outstanding events in Providence. Reports indicate that it will be even better than previous years and will climax the social and financial events of the chapter.

Membership is fast rounding out, the chapter now having 153 members on its rolls. As soon as the October and November events are over a concentrated drive will be undertaken by the chapter to get in all the delinquents. We should have a chapter much larger than 200 by the end of the year. Here's hoping.

The Mystery ride was a huge success, thanks to the splendid work of DAVE DAVIDSON. The chapter netted $34.25 after all bills had been paid. Many such affairs should be held.

The dedication of the "Major General Clarence R. Edwards Memorial Thoroughfare" on Sunday, November 3rd, promises to be another colorful event sponsored by Providence Chapter. A joint committee working with the City Fathers has everything in readiness for this ceremony. A large gathering is expected to witness this service. The Commander read the letter of resignation from Secretary HOWARD W. HUNT. Howard reported the nature of his present work with the U. S. Engineers would make it practically impossible for him to carry out the important duties of this office. This is unfortunate for the chapter as he has been a loyal worker and carried out his secretarial duties in a most outstanding manner. The letter was voted tabled until the next meeting.

The chapter voted $50. for refreshments at the open house to be held at the Benefit St. Armory immediately following the dedication of the Gen. Edwards Memorial Thoroughfare.

The annual Memorial Service will be held this year at the Cathedral on Sunday, Nov. 10th. All YD men will be invited to attend and will meet at the Harrison St. Armory and march to the service in a body. The service will be at 11 A.M.

Providence Chapter will be host to the State Dept. meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17th.

Bank night drawing — FRANCIS DUNN's name was drawn but as he was not present the money goes over and is added to next month's collections. Better be on hand next month to see whether or not you are the lucky winner of the Pot.

Armistice Day this year should be the most outstanding day and celebration we have ever had. Plans call for a very large turn-out and unquestionably the YD will win the cup again for the largest number in line.

— BOB MURRAY,
Sec. Pro-temp.

APREMONT CHAPTER
Pawtucket-Central Falls
Commander: Randolph Darling
124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R.I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R.I.

Apremont Chapter members have had a busy time this past month. With no regular quarters, it was necessary to find a place that would best suit our needs. This we did, and until further notice, our regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday evening of every month (starting November 21) in the British-American Hall, High St., Pawtucket, next to the Blackstone Valley Gas and Electric Company.

On October 12th, our city celebrated both its Cotton Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary and Columbus Day with a grand parade, the largest and most beautiful that we have had in many years.

The Chapter invited the Providence YD Drum and Bugle Corps to lead their division which was greatly swelled by members from Kent County and Providence Chapters. RANDOLPH DARLING was marshal for this group. Right here, I want to thank the band for their sportsmanship in refusing to leave us, to parade at the head in front of the Chief Marshal. While it would have been a good spot for publicity, they gained a lot more by staying with the gang, and are to be commended for the stand they took!

Before and after the parade, open-house was held for our guests, as well as all the YD men and their friends at our new quarters. Plenty of refreshments were served. ZAJO BALTAZAR acted as bartender and he did a real job; so real in fact, that only four small bottles of pop were left. Your truly represented the chapter as aide to the chairman of the committee that planned the parade; and while we stood in review as the boys marched by, I overheard some very pleasing remarks made by the big-wigs in reference to the showing made by the YD. Incidentally, we signed a few new, as well old, members during the open-house meeting.

Our next regular meeting will be a change from those of the past, and we hope it meets with the approval of our members. Too, here's hoping that we have a large turnout that night! AL SHABBOTT will be house chairman, assisted by JACK MORAN and AL PLANT. PETE BOURGET, FRANK SENIOR, PERCE FORSYTHE and RALPH DEXTER make up the general committee. There'll also be refreshments and entertainment! ! !

November 3rd will find us at the Viaduct in Providence.

The Veterans Council, of which we are members, is planning a big parade for the afternoon of November 11th. All veterans are asked to turn out. On Armistice Eve, i.e. Sunday night, a Memorial Service will be held in the New West High School, East Avenue, Pawtucket. This is our big chance to honor those comrades

who are now resting in peace. Former Judge Ira Lloyd Letts of Providence will be the chief speaker. Also present will be the fourteen-year-old boy, well known to Legionnaires as the Boy Orator, and many others. This is a solemn duty that we owe to our buddies. Let's all turn out for this service, and bring our families and friends.

AL SHABBOTT, PETE BOURGET and AL PLANTE represent the chapter on the Veterans Council. So long, till Sunday night, November 10th.

— ALBERT PLANTE.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William E. Bergen
106 Prospect Hill Ave., Natick, R. I.
Secretary: William A. Monti
25 Shatoock Ave., Apanoug, R. I.

The October meeting was held Wednesday, the 23rd, at the Chapter Hqs. in the Odd Fellows' Hall in Crompton. The meeting was called to order at 9 P. M. Commander WILLIAM E. BERGEN presiding. R. I. Dept. Commander RANDOLPH DARLING was present, and your Sect. was somewhat disappointed with the number of absentees, although it is possible to understand, because of the number of caucuses being held at this time, — what with a few of the boys who "had to see a man". It is hard to underestand why some of the comrades would prefer to be elsewhere, when we have steam-heated quarters. Socially the majority of our meetings have been a success.

After the business of the meeting, the Dep't. Commander spoke on coming activities in the Dep't. of R. I. During the month of November, what with the testimonial dinner to the Past Commander JERRY O'LEARY, the dedication of the General Edwards Memorial Viaduct, the Dep't. Memorial Service, the Armistice Ball, and the Armistice Day Parade in Providence and Pawtucket, it seems time will be pretty well taken up.

Now that the summer months are over and vacations a thing of the past, your Sect. would appreciate it very much if each and everyone of you would try and attend as many of the chapter meetings as you possibly can. Comrades EDWARDS and GEDDIS have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the next meeting. I regret very much to announce that Comrade FRANK ALLEN has left Kent County Chapter because of change in position, and has moved to Batic, Conn.

— W. A. M.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: William A. Allen, 165 Henry St., Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

The Quarterly Department Meeting will be held in Willimantic on November 17 (erroneously announced as November 10 in last month's YANKEE DOINGS).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CONN. DEP'T. YDVA

Club Alden, Hartford — October 16, 1940

State meetings. — Chapters out of touch with each other, state meetings now to far apart, some feel we should return to monthly meetings, others like present arrangement, distict meetings and inter-chapter gatherings to be encouraged, must give present plan a fair try, next state meeting at Willimantic, November 17 (note the date)

Bills. — No need to wait for state meeting for payment of bills for supplies and postage. New stationery came Sunday. Bill $13.40.

Dep't. Finance. — No need for big treasury. Chapters furnish money for dep't. expenses. Money should not be voted out at state meetings for anything except supplies, postage and past state commander's badge. Chapters and districts should vote on financial matters.

District Meetings. — Manchester, Willimantic and New London held one on Oct. 1, at Norwich. Successful. Had pork supper afterwards. It was voted that 4th district commander appoint assistant and secretary from his own chapter. Each year district commander and staff will come from the next chapter in rotation. Executive committee felt that other districts will follow their own ideas. No suggestions.

State per capita tax. — No need to tax chapters this year. Enough from hour cards to cover present needs. More equitable tax desirable in future. No need for large chapters to carry the load. Possibly a $5 maximum and $1 minimum enough. Past experience basis for budget.

New Britain Visitation night. Nov. 19 (Tuesday), YD members invited, state officers will be present, broadcast through executive committee meeting as state meeting too late for due notice.

JOHN GOSS. — Recommended that vote of

thanks be given Johnny at next state meeting for mimeographing state meeting minutes the past year.

JERRY O'LEARY dinner, Saturday, Oct. 26, at Hotel Biltmore, Providence. Tickets well distributed. Conn. expected to have many there. Hartford already had tickets out for drum corps party that night but such conflicts unavoidable.

Armistice Day. — New London wants big delegation of YD berets and uniforms in the morning, Hartford welcomes YD at 2 P. M. (PNC ED MILLER to be marshal), Bristol wants to put YD on the map in the evening. Those who are not tied up in their own communities should take in one or more of these gala affairs.

Middletown. — Committee believes there are plenty of good YD men in that area to have a fine chapter. Inquiry should get names. Secretary unable to get a response for two years. Get more data.

Membership. — Only 747 at end of August. Hartford, New Haven, Stamford coming up fast now. SVC GEER will check. Some chapters 100% now.

Incorporation. — Recommend to table. Desirability still a question.

State Bulletin. — Special items may be submitted from chapters and state secretary would send to YANKEE DOINGS, not to take place of chapter notes, for coming events as well as recent happenings.

Districts. — Change in districts recommended, based on highway accessability of chapters to each other. Original basis better than present one. The following arrangement to be submitted for approval:

First district — Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport, Valley; Second district — New Haven, Wallingford, Meriden, Waterbury; Third district — Hartford, New Britain, Bristol, Terryville, Torrington; Fourth district — Manchester, Willimantic, New London, Middletown.

Home Guard. — Time extended to raise quota, but matter should be carried out. Commander ALLEN has 35 applications on hand. Numerical limits on chapters off. Some chapters have more available. Hartford forming separate units, to be commended. Rest of dep't. should be able to raise quota of 60 for purpose as originally stated.

CLYDE G. BECKWITH,
State Secretary.

Membership in Connecticut

Membership and loyal cooperation, plus the all-important YD spirit of aggression is what makes the YDVA the strongest and most respected organization of its kind in the Country today.

Connecticut is at this date (Oct. 21st.) 170 members behind last year at the same time.

What is the answer? Too many promises and not enough action from those who have fallen behind. Also those responsible for seeing to it that membership is kept up are not working hard enough.

Those Chapters which have fallen down on the job no doubt have done something about building up their membership but this apparently is secondary with most of them. It is likely from reports this writer has had that no sustained "Drive" has been undertaken. Promises made aren't worth the wind they take unless you, that make them, are go-getters and willing to put in just a little extra hard work to build our Dep't. membership up to — and over — the all-time high of last year.

It is to many of you, as it is to me, a very rude awakening after five years of hard work to see the Dept. of Conn. indifferent to its sacred duty of keeping up our good name as a leader in YD, suddenly dashed to the bottom of the list.

I suggest, and this from observation, that Dep't. Officers create a little more activity in getting around to see what your Chapters are doing. Put a little pressure on your Chapter Commanders. You CAN and MUST hammer away throughout the year if you are to put Connecticut back on top as a leader.

"In unity there is strength." And we won't get either, unless we wake up to the fact that unless we quit a lot of foolish crabbing and finding fault with the other fellow, and realize once and for all that we are here as YD men, to fight for the very existence of our families and our own organization. It won't be too long before we will wake up and find our little YD slipping from our grasps.

Today YD men need their organization and the organization needs them. If any YD man, and more especially in Connecticut, at the moment figures he must get something for the money invested then to him, I say, your proper place is not in the YD. To those who cherish the honor and memory of YD — "We Want You", and it is your kind that helps build the kind of membership we want in Connecticut.

To you Chapter Commanders: Don't lay down on the job you faithfully swore to carry out when you took over not so long ago.

Dep't. Officers: You have a sacred oath to

carry out also.

Let all hands get together — don't wait — don't say you are planning a drive unless you really are. Don't make promises for the sake of making them. Don't sit back and wait for the other fellow to do it. Don't be satisfied to coast along as you are. Don't say it can't be done. Don't lay the blame on the other fellow. Take the bull by the horns NOW, you HE-men of YD who love your old outfit and who still have the old stuff called "Guts." Put this Dep't. of Conn. over the top where it has been for five years — where it should be now — and where it MUST remain for years to come. No Dep't. ever had a harder working or better lot of YD men than Connecticut. It's up to every last man to prove that Conn. YD is still the "Tops" and can still hold its own with the best of them. How about a little Christmas present for our Dep't. Commander and National Commander — 1200 members by then.

— G. H. H.

November Events in Connecticut

Nov. 11 — New London stages a big parade and exercises for Armistice Day in the morning. Proceedings begin at 9:30 A. M. PNC LEN MALONEY delivers the address.

Nov. 11 — Hartford has a gala parade and YD men are invited to fall in with the chapter. PNC ED MILLER is marshal. Parade starts at 2 P. M.

Nov. 11 — Bristol has a Preparedness Parade at 7:30 in the evening. PSC WM. THOMPSON is chairman of the YD division and YD Hdqs. is Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Elm and South Main. All YD men are invited.

Nov. 14 — New Haven has open house night for YD at their clubhouse. State officers and chapters are invited.

Nov. 17 — State Meeting at Willimantic.

Nov. 19 — New Britain has visitation night for YD and state officers and chapters are invited.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Ralph Fox
154 East Main St., Forestville, Conn.
Secretary: Fred Hyde
244 High St., Bristol, Conn.

The city of Bristol is putting on a big Preparedness Parade on the evening of Armistice Day, November 11. Over seventy organizations, factories, stores, and lodges are participating; all inviting their leading officers to be present.

Mont Sec Chapter is participating in this demonstration, its officers and many of its members to appear in uniform. Invitations have been extended to the National officers, and it is hoped that some of them from other states will be able to be present.

The Chapter has hired the Odd Fellows' Hall for the occasion.

— W. W. T.

At our last meeting, BILL SALLADIN said he thought our bank account was getting a little low and something should be done about it. It was. He was appointed a committee to boost it up. Let's all give him a hand.

Department Commander BILL ALLEN and his staff attended this meeting and we enjoyed having them. Past Dep't. Comm. GARDINER HALL said he felt lost since going out of office and not having to tour the state three or four nights a week. Those who didn't attend our last meeting missed a good time and a good feed afterward.

ARVID ANDERSON and TONY PENDA couldn't agree on whether the keg of beer had too much air or not enough. Me? I don't know. I just drank it. It seemed O.K. to me.

BILL THOMPSON has been appointed chairman of a committee to make a float for the Armistice Preparedness Parade mentioned above. Hartford's Junior Drum Corps is going to lea us that night and several other YD Chapters ar joining in. We're going to let the people se there is still a YD, though maybe the dawgs ain't what they used to be.

Let's see you all at the next meeting.

— FRED HYDE.

HARTFORD
Commander: Benjamin A. Bourn
219 Sisson Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

Well, Hartford seems once again to be coming up fast; re-ups doing fine with a new member once in a while.

Our meeting for September was a week late due to not having a place to meet. Because of this, the chapter brought up the question about a new club house for the chapter and quite a discussion pro and con took up the most part of the evening.

BILL GANEY at last seems to be coming to the fore, and you wonder why? Well, some of the

ladies got the gang out for a barn dance at Wethersfield Grange Hall with Mrs. Bourn; Mrs. Robertson working hard to put it over, with the help of several more of the ladies. Everybody had a swell time. Who knows, BILL you may yet win out!

Our good friend, Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE, was in town and called on JOE FOLEY the other day.

On Sunday, October 27, the Hartford Junior Drum Corps put on a show for the boys at the Soldiers' Home in Rocky Hill, which, from all appearances, was appreciated very much.

— P. A. C.

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Arthur E. McCann
160 Benton St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

State Commander WILLIAM ALLEN has now moved up to chairman of the Manchester Board of Police Commissioners.

Chapter Commander ARTHUR MCCANN has been appointed a member of the Selective Draft Board of Manchester.

BILL ALLEN assisted in registering men for the draft.

BILL LEGGETT, NICK ZACCARO and ANDY HOLZHEIMER have been recent patients at Newington Hospital.

Most of the chapter officers were present at the district meeting of the fourth district at Norwich on Tuesday, Oct. 1. District Commander "Jeff" BLANCHARD conducted the meeting. JVC ERNEST PETERSON was appointed his secretary for subsequent meetings. SVC WILLIAM SHIELDS offered Manchester as the place for the next district meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Some of the members are planning to attend Hartford's Armistice Day parade in the afternoon and Bristol's in the evening. Our own parade in Manchester may prevent us from being with the fourth district at New London in the morning.

WALT TEDFORD had his picture in all the leading papers as cook for Company K, 169th Infantry, on recent manoeuvres.

DAVE MCCOLLUM, our treasurer, was a speaker at a party thrown by Anderson-Shea Post, VFW, of which he is a past commander. It was in honor of the Company K men and their officers.

Several of us attended Bristol's meeting on October 11 at the Plainville YD Camp. Who says inlanders can't make oyster stew? We were also represented at the state executive committee meeting at Club Alden, Hartford, on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Beer and business flew and flowed, fast and furious.

— C. G. B.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
19 Clark St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden St., New Haven, Conn.

For the fifth time New Haven Chapter, YD VA, and Corcoran-Sundquist Post No. 83, Branford, held a joint meeting. This time it was held at the New Haven Chapter Chateau and the Branfordites put our bunch to shame with their splendid turnout. They mustered about half their membership, all in uniform, and they made a fine appearance when they entered the hall in a body. Commander RICHARDSON presided.

Our chapter dispensed with its business session to allow the Branford boys to carry on. Commander FRED HIRSCH and Past Commander JOHN T. DILLON were called upon for remarks. Fred had arranged a nice spread for the visitors and refreshments were served. HENRY DUBE officiated at the cinema and a sports reel, two reels of Charlie Chaplin in "The Bank" and another reel were shown. AL SMITH, JOHN KING, STEWARD BARNEY WYNNE, ALEX FLYNN and RAY CHARBONNEAU did KP.

It was reported that HOWARD "Chubby" WEBB will leave Newington soon after an operation for a cranky gall bladder. Motor Vehicle Commissioner M. A. CONNOR was reported back at his desk after a rather long illness. Members of the old 102nd Field Ambulance and the 102nd Sanitary Detachment are organizing a unit for the new Home Guard.

A number of the members plan to attend the installation of NEILS FREIBERG as Commander of YD Post of the American Legion. Others are going to take in the installation of Capt. JACK FEEGAL, a YD man, as Department Commander of the Legion.

While on vacation this correspondent put up over night at the YD tourist camp operated by JAMES C. COTE at Twin Mountain, N. H. JIM said he used to belong to the Boston Chapter. He is ripe for some N. H. Chapter.

— L. J. M.

VALLEY CHAPTER

Ansonia—Derby—Seymour—Shelton

Commander: William E. Algren
37 East Ninth St., Derby, Conn.

Secretary: Nicholas Jecusco
11 Elizabeth St., Ansonia, Conn.

Many chapters, not only in Connecticut, but elsewhere, reported on October 15 to the National Commander's request for a report of progress on the "Mopping-Up Campaign" of delinquent members. The general gist of most of them was: "We're trying, but it's hard work." Commander BILL ALGREN submitted a real report. It follows:

In reply to your request for a report on membership of the Valley Chapter, please note:

	1938-9	1939-40	1940-1
Membership	27	40	39
New members		15	5
Re-ups		25	34
Hold outs		2	7

40 members in the year 1939-40 was the highest membership the Valley Chapter ever obtained.

39 members this year with five months to go indicates that the 1939-40 record will without a doubt be broken.

A committee is continually working and even though they don't always report progress, I praise their work as an incentive to carry on.

At each meeting a list of potential members is read off so that members outside of the committee may share in the work of obtaining new members.

With regard to what the committee is reporting, here are a few of the replies they receive when thy approach a prospective member.

1 — The YD never did anything for me. If I belong to an organization I want to get something for my dues.

2 — I belong to the Legion, V.F.W. and the Purple Heart. I can't belong to all of them.

3 — That so-and-so said something at a meeting I didn't like. I'll be damned if I'll join while he is a member.

4 — Gee, I'm broke now, see me pay day. (When pay day comes around even the F.B.I. couldn't find him.)

You may be sure each case is being studied and if there is a way to get around it, we hope to find that way.

— WILLIAM E. ALGREN.

WATERBURY

"P.C. Vigneulles"

Commander: William J. Shanahan
89 Chipman St., Waterbury, Conn.

Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

Undoubtedly it will be a surprise to hear from me but after all, not being a fiction writer, I can't make news out of nothing at all and it seems impossible to get the boys to call me and report.

However, I have a few items for you this month.

ROY WOODCOCK and his wife celebrated their anniversary last week and Dame Rumor says there was a big time.

HAROLD REED of Manchester, HERBERT NELSON of Hartford, HARRY MARVIN and LOUIS ZEIGRA of Deep River, HAROLD ELLINGWOOD of Windsor, HOWARD CORRELL of West Hartford and FREDERICK ROWE of Waterbury spent the week-end of October 19th-20th together at Westbrook, Connecticut, in the annual meeting of "H" Company, 102nd Inf. "Mit-Glomers" Association. A letter was read from Lt. CYRUS WASHBURN who is now on the West Coast serving the Preferred Accident Insurance Company.

Maj. JOHN L. GRAY is spending the winter in Florida recuperating from his recent illness.

EARL COOLEY is ill in a Veterans Hospital in the Bronx, N. Y.

Heard the other day that JERRY GRIFFIN is just recovering from a week's illness.

BOB OVERTON is home from Newington.

Hope to get more news to you next month. We consider the editorials in YANKEE DOINGS grow better and better each month. Hope you aren't working too hard.

— WALTER L. BOLAN.

The members of the Chapter have called a joint YD meeting with the Auxiliary for Friday, November 1, in the Club Rooms at the Armory.

Armistice Day is just around the corner, and will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 10th. A dinner dance for veterans will be held on Nov. 10th at Masonic Temple at six o'clock sharp for the small price of 50c. There will be a mighty good time for everyone.

A Gay Nineties Dance will be run by the Auxiliary on Thursday, Nov. 21st, at Garden Hall on East Main St. Come in costume. Three prizes are to be given. (It is not compulsory that you come in costume — but do so if possible.) Price 35c. Old-fashioned and modern dances. More about this at the joint meeting. Progress is reported by the Chairlady of the

Dance Committee. The hall is rented, the orchestra engaged and twenty signed up to go at this early date.

This is Thanksgiving and turkey time! The Chapter will sell tickets for chances on turkeys as is their usual custom. Ladies, we get a commission on all tickets we sell. How about taking advantage of this opportunity?

A YD doll will be contributed again this year and the proceeds of the sale of chances will go to the joint fund for the Children's Christmas Party.

We always have a high time at the Christmas Party for the grown-ups and it is high time you found this out. Don't miss these affairs. Some of our members complain of a lack of social events at the Club. Well, we strive to please and have planned to start the winter with a series of events.

WILLIMANTIC
Windham County Chapter
Commander: Lawrence E. Lindgren
Scotland, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall
70 Ash St., Willimantic, Conn.

On October 1st a District Meeting was held in Norwich with 32 members present. Delegations were present from New London with Commander St. Germaine in charge, and from Manchester with Sr. Vice Bill Shield in charge. Present also was our State Commander Bill Allen, State Sect. Clyde Beckwith and Fourth District Commander Jeff Blanchard. The Fourth District officers were officially appointed, and the District is now expected to go places. Commandere Allen spoke interestingly on Membership and the place our YD belongs in combating subversive activities. A delicious dinner was served following the meeting.

The next meeting of the local gang will be held after this news is sent in, but no doubt will be official. The meeting will be held in Putnam on Nov. 4th and a large turnout will be the usual 24 or so that we have at most of our meetings. Plans for Armistice Day will be made and it is expected the local gang will cooperate with both the Legion and V.F.W. in putting a fine program through to a successful conclusion. We will no doubt hold our annual Thanksgiving Raffle, the proceeds of which go toward helping any of our gang that may need it. Otherwise this goes into our general fund. It is proposed we hold our first birthday party in recognition of five years of mighty fine progress made since our organization five years ago January. There will also be a Christmas party for the ladies.

All in all the local crew is still very much alive and doing things worth while. We have signed up just about all of the YD men available in our locality, though there may be another half dozen around somewhere. If there is, Commander Lindgren will gather them in with his fatherly advice to all YD prospects. "Zip" Lapan has just been re-elected Assessor in the recent local election. Congratulations "Zip" and the best of luck. How about some of the Meriden gang coming over to see us some night? Let's get together.

— G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Robert B. Dickson, 320 Gregory Ave., W. Orange, N. J.

CHICAGO
Commander: Ernest Kentwortz
134 No. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 22nd, a night long to be remembered by the members of the YD Club of Chicago who attended the meeting at the Midland Club. The reason? A visit by our National Commander, Austin Appleby, and our National Sergeant at Arms Jim Sullivan. Why I had to mention Sullivan, I don't know. But I suppose the Commander would at least want me to say that they were together. More on that later.

The two YD visiting firemen arrived at the Michigan Central Station and were met by Commander Ernie Kentwortz, and his chief stooge Bill Keyes. We repaired to the Midland Club where there was a room for the boys, because we thought they might like to clean up a bit before dinner. We were having dinner and the meeting at the Club. They cleaned up all right. In two minutes there wasn't a drop left. About that time, Dana Hubbard walked in. He was followed in a few minutes by Ed Morrissey. What a guy, this Morrissey. Well, the Midland Club has pretty fast service, so in about five minutes, there was a quart of Canadian Club on the dresser. I haven't the slightest idea how it got there. Our N.C. and our N.S.A. had

been telling me for a half hour that they wanted to get a shave, and the barber shop was on the ninth floor, but I couldn't get those guys to budge. I knew that as long as there was a drink left, they wouldn't leave, so I proceeded to finish the bottle. (P.S. The boys got shaved.)

We went down to a dining room that we had reserved, and the boys started to come in. We had fifteen there for the meeting, and I know they all enjoyed it very much. After the dinner was over, we proceeded with the meeting. Our Comm. KENTWORTZ opened the Clam Bake, and then turned the gavel over to the National Commander. Two new members paid their dues. McNULTY and MORRISSEY. Later on Dr. HENRY CHRISTIANSEN came in and paid his dues to join. Three new members that night. Just about that time, two boy scouts walked in. One was Lt. Carl Huntley, of the 42nd Div. If I remember rightly they carried water for the 26th Div. while we were busy winning the war. APPLEBY was the mug responsible for HUNTLEY being there. It seems that a man on a train was trying to read a paper, but you had better get APPLEBY to tell you the story. Any way, we really enjoyed having HUNTLEY and his friend Sigmund there, and I think they enjoyed being there.

APPLEBY then started the routine of the meeting. Chaplain O'CONNELL read the prayer, and we had thirty seconds of silence for Our Departed Members. We then had the Treasurer's report, and the report on the last meeting. The body decided to hold next summer's picnic at the same place on July 27. We then went into a huddle on our Armistice Party. Yes, you were right. It is to be Nov. 9th at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. We decided to serve the meal at nine o'clock. Then water-boy HUNTLEY got up, and gave us a nice talk. We all enjoyed him. He's a good egg. We then went to work on tickets for our party on the 9th, and the members present pledged themselves to take fifty-eight tickets. Not bad. The Sec. made a motion to have the Chicago Chapter be host to the YD men at the convention in Milwaukee. Tabled. But there will be a YD Headquarters there, you may rest assured.

Then SULLIVAN woke up, and started to talk! He told the boys a few things, and he hit the spot on why a replacement man is just as much entitled to belong to the Club as a man that went over with the Division. Good going, Jim! He also gave us a nice talk on the YD Convention to be held in Manchester. I think someone from Chicago will be there.

JOHN LEE brought his projector and screen in, and the pictures started. First the Polish invasion, then the Finland invasion, then the French invasion, then the invasion of the Pineapples. AUSTIN had his picture of Bali with him. It must be the nuts (pardon me) to travel around the country with all that material in a brief case. That was the good old YD injection with a vengeance. Thanks AUSTIN for bringing the pictures with you.

ED MORRISSEY took AUSTIN, JIM, and myself to his Club — The Key Club on Ohio St. We had a couple there, and then in walked a steak the like of which I have never eaten. Swell spot, Ed. Edna O'Dell of Mutual Radio was there, and Jack Gillespie of Harold Stokes W.G.N. Orchestra.

We then left the club supposedly to go home, but I don't know, it must be the Chicago air. Anyway, we all piled into my car, and ended up at my house. Mama got up, and the dog got his shoe, and we had a few more. Then Mama thought she would like to see that the boys got home all right, so we all piled into the car again, and started for the loop. By this time, MORRISSEY is getting very tired????? We drop him off at his office where his chauffeur is supposed to have been waiting for him since nine o'clock. It is now six-thirty A. M! I haven't heard from Ed., since, so I don't know whether or not he talks to his wife. We took the two Bali-ites to the Midland Club, and that was the end of one of the most perfect nights that I have ever spent. Chicago thanks you, AUSTIN, and you JIM, for coming. We will never forget your trip here, and my one plan for next summer is a trip to Boston to see you both. So long, — BILL.

— W. H. K.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"

Commander: Ralph L. Shaw
1820 Oakmont Rd., So. Euclid, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

It is now 12:45 A. M. the morning of Oct. 30th and in a few hours DOINGS goes to press. From what I know of dates, etc., I think that FRED FLAHAVAN had better go someplace if he doesn't want about 60 Ohio Chapter men on his neck. That is exactly what will happen if Ohio does not have a story.

So many things have happened in the last month that I hardly know where to start. I could not possibly give you details, but we have had four executive meetings which have all been

attended by the officers 100%. This new year with Commander SHAW in the chair promises to be a good one. RALPH is not a very big fellow but he sure means to get things done and every one of us are for him.

Of course the outstanding event was the installation of officers for '40 and '41. Every veteran organization was well represented, and Dr. JONES was here to represent Mayor Harold Burton was was called to Columbus, Ohio. ELLIS VANDERPYLE was the Chairman of the program, and shortly after he was handed the gavel, our own National Commander, with the assistance of JIM SULLIVAN, took charge. I have never seen a more thorough job of installing in my life. Jim took his instruction from his Commander in the best military way and escorted every one to his station. After the installation, Ellis again took charge and introduced the speakers. They were short and snappy in their remarks and everyone appreciated all that they had to say. Post 1863 of the V.F.W. sent their color-team, which was in charge of OKIE O'CONNOR, and a better job was never done before.

After the installation, the presenting of the Past Commander Badge, and the Certificates of Meritorious Service to Past Commander McGLOIN and ELLIS VANDERPYLE, every one was entertained by a floor show which lasted over an hour. The next on the program was the buffet supper. The two ice boxes were well stocked with beer and soft drinks all of which were free.

Next on the program was the showing of pictures of the Boston Convention which were brought here by Commander APPLEBY. Next the orchestra moved in and there was dancing until a late hour. The party was in a hall a few doors east of our place. At different times the members would drift over to headquarters and finally the party was all over at Hdqts. and then the fun began. For details see LEE, PERKINS, JIM SULLIVAN, HERBERT RIEHL and GEO. CORMIER.

For further details of what happened you will have to see the National Commander and the National Sgt. at Arms. Their trip to Cleveland was most certainly appreciated by every one of us.

Our first regular meeting of the new year will be Sunday, Nov. 17th at the headquarters at 2:00 P. M.

— F. H. F.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 20th, we held our second Sunday afternoon meeting. Those present were, CHANDLER, CHAPIN, GOEDELMANN, MORRIS, MURRAY, ROCKWELL, VETTER and ALVIN STORY, who were present for the first time.

CHANDLER regaled us with a tale of having killed a deer that very morning, not so many miles outside Denver, and for dinner some of the fellows took on a buffalo steak. Still sounds like the wild and woolly West — n'est-ce pas?

CARL JOHNSON was out of town, ROY DOYLE had the misfortune to ram his head into a pane of shatter-proof glass. LOEB and NORTON were A.W.O.L. PAT PEDICINO home on a pass from Fitzsimons Hospital attended a picnic up in the hills.

The usual bull session was held. (If you have not heard it, get CHANDLER to tell you the story of the two bald-headed gentlemen).

— A. G. V.

DETROIT

Commander: Elmer G. Brackett
12,123 Manor Street, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: Charles H. Smith
8114 Wetherby Street, Detroit, Mich.

In reporting the recent visit of Commander APPLEBY, my good friend, Napoleon Gono of Pigeon River, Que., has kindly offered his services, so I will shoot along his version of the affair:

"Monday night those Commander APPLEBY she's come from Boston. Also she's have those Jeem Sullivan with him on account of maybe she's find some blonde and those Jeem make for him good alibi — I hope!

"Down on Cleveland they pick up those FRED Flayhaven and bring him along too. Cleveland she's good town too, only she's on wrong end of Lake and those ball players she's like crybabies.

"After she's all shave up and get those Jeem excavated from wall bed, who snap shut on him they all come on Cafe Madrid. Those Jeem, she's put one beret on one waitress and those Commander she's put beret on waitress too, so his all one happy family, by dam.

"Those ELMER BRACKETT she's boss on this post, she ain't here too. She's one copper man

on Homicide Squad and before time for eat some, what you call Dago, make ventilation with .38 gun and Elmer she's very busy man for find Dago.

"RALPH BENNETT she's act as boss and make sixteen members set down on those tables for eat. After she's all et, those APPLEBY, Jeem and Flayhaven make one nice talk. She's don't talk too much but make fine point like pin and make for much hand-clap by members.

"Then comes one dam fine mess, by gar! Those APPLEBY she's got some more pictures, those Flayhaven she's got one screen, those YD club she's no got what you call projector. But, by gar, those YD men she's no stump. PETE SADY she's got one fine friend with machine so she's come down and we have one fine show.

"Those Heinie she's sure bust up those country over there. She's make fire in those people's house and PETE SADY groan. APPLEBY she's say, "Pete! What for you groan?" Pete she's say, "Those poor insurance company.

"Then we change from war to some place you call Bali. By gar, she's one fine place. Those girls, his got, one fine strong head for carry things, he's got fine strong neck and strong arms, he's got — (Sec. note: Here, here, Napoleon we'll take your word for it.) Any way he's don't wear clothes from the equator up, and MCCORMICK she's want to fight Japan for those place.

"Those meeting — she's bust up and I go home."

— NAPOLEON.

Well, I guess that covers it. Sorry that duties kept BRACKETT, LAFOUNTAIN, BUCKLEY, MUNSELL and DAVIS away.

To the National Commander, his Sergeant at Arms and Sec. FLAHAVAN, we enjoyed having you with us, and come again.

To WALTER HIGGINS formerly of the Air Corps who dropped his own plans for the evening and drove a lot of miles to furnish and operate the projector for the movies, the Detroit Chapter rises in a vote of thanks. It was darn swell of you WALTER and we sure appreciate it.

— C. H. S.

NEW YORK

Commander: Harry H. Van Hala
45 Sutton Drive, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
Secretary: C. Edward Wilson
271-285 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The regular meeting of N. Y. Chapter, YDVA was held in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th St., on Tuesday evening Oct. 22nd. Commander VAN HALA called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M. The Chaplain's prayer was read by BUCK O'BRIEN in the absence of Father TEMPLE. By way of explanation we would like to add here, that, due to the fact Father TEMPLE lives a considerable distance from N. Y. City and has many church duties that are pressing, very often he finds it impossible to be present. That accounts for our Chapter having to substitute in his stead.

This was followed by the usual ritual, after which the meeting was declared officially open. Introductions were then in order, those present rising and giving name of organization they served with during the World War.

CLAUDE SEITZ, Chairman of the membership committee, reported 49 new members had been signed up since April. This progress is good, but still falls below the standard we had set. We are not yet satisfied. We are certain that still further co-operation on the part of individual members of the committee can boost this mark considerably. In looking over the October issue we note in the membership standing that Lynn has 196 members, a gain of 22. Hartford has 181 members, a loss of 79. New York has 170 members, a gain of 31. Providence has 148 members, a loss of 19. N. Y. Chapter openly challenges Lynn, Hartford, and Providence to a membership drive for second place in the standing of Chapters. What do you say boys? Let's hear from you, possibly somebody will donate a trophy to the Chapter securing the most members from Nov. to the end of the fiscal year. But regardless of trophies, let's have the competition, so we can increase our membership.

Applications for the N. Y. State Automobile license plates will be issued by the Motor Vehicle Bureau on or about Nov. 13th. To those unable to attend the Nov. 19th meeting, fill out your application and mail with your renewal stub and check to JULIUS T. FEDEL, 18 Revere Drive West, Floral Park, L. I. or to your Secretary. One or more sets of plates can be secured. YD plates will only be issued to members of the Chapter, and only through the Chapter. Applications will be on hand at our meeting Tuesday Eve, Nov. 19th.

The Chairman of the Christmas Cheer Liquor Drawing suggests that members having books kindly dispose of them at once, and send in your returns. More books can be secured by phoning Plaza 3-5943.

For the entertainment of the evening, Commander VAN HALA brought over from Paterson, N. J., and introduced to us a Mr. Fred Elwood stating he was a Prestidigitator. This at once

left most of us in doubt as to what was in store for us. But lo and behold he turned out to be a sleight-of-hand performer, who gave us a real good show for about an hour. Believe me, it was really worth the price of a year's dues.

Attending the testimonial dinner tendered JERRY O'LEARY at Providence Sat., Oct 26th, were Vice-Commander, Dept. of U. S. ROBERT DICKSON, Mr. and Mrs. C. EDWARD WILSON, and Mr. and Mrs. HENRY MOORE who brought along as his guests Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Morin of North Providence, R. I. Telegrams of regret and best wishes were read from Commander VAN HALA and Past Commander EDWARD NELSON.

We were indeed sorry to learn at our Oct. Meeting that the father of RALPH CLUFF passed away July the 29th at Kennebunkport, Maine. The Chapter extends to Ralph and his family their sincere sympathy.

— C. E. W.

PHILADELPHIA
Commander: Harvey Ellis
Secretary: David B. Herman
2104 North Hobart St., Philadelphia, Penna.

A very possible reason, hitherto unknown to YANKEE DOINGS, for the veil of silence which has surrounded Philadelphia Chapter ever since it was organized last winter, comes to light in a letter from DAVE HERMAN. DAVE has been out of the picture with a nervous breakdown. (Your editor knows what that means.) And Dave was the spark-plug, the old war-horse with years of experience in Washington Chapter, who was being counted on to get the new Chapter in Philadelphia off on the right foot.

For Dave's sake, and all he has done in the past for the YDVA, won't some reader of these words who is a member of the Philadelphia Chapter start the ball rolling again. We can't call on the Commander. He won't see these words as he isn't a member, his dues being unpaid. He is the only one of the charter members unpaid at present. This isn't a bawling out — he may have the best of reasons. It just simply is saying that someone else must start things if they are to start.

If any member will call a meeting, drop a line to the National Secretary, telling the time and place. We'll send the notices to every member right from headquarters here: we have the names and addresses.

WASHINGTON
Commander: David G. Dodic
2148 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Secretary: E. R. Cleveland
1700 Eye St. NW., Washington, D. C.

The YD Club of Washington held its first meeting since May at the home of Commander DAVE DODIC on October 25. Eleven of the boys showed up: DODIC, NATE GOLDEN, AL BARTRAM, REX CLEVELAND, GRAY CARSON, GENE BURR, JOE JORDAN, PAUL HUTCHINS, ERIC ERICKSON, BOB CONROY and RAY QUEENIN. Plans were made for placing a wreath on General EDWARD's grave on Armistice Day.

Gen. "Happy" GLASSFORD, erstwhile leader of the sharp-shooting "Kaiser's Own", writes from Phoenix, Ariz., that he is still ranching with a little campaigning on the side.

— R. J. Q.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

F COMPANY

BOB KOWALL reports that on a recent visit to John Adams Hospital in Chelsea, whom should he meet as a patient there but GEORGE POUTASSE. It seems George has been over there quite a while, following a paralytic shock. When he first entered the hospital he couldn't get around at all. When Bob saw him, he was out taking a walk, not walking too well perhaps, but walking at any rate. This column feels sure this will come as news to most every man in the company. Drop him a line. Better still, go over and see him.

Saw HENRY PUKALLUS (F Co. and Hq.) at JERRY O'LEARY's Dinner in Providence.

Haven't seen or heard from many of the boys this month. Would like to get one of those breezy epistles we used to get once in a while from PHIL KINGSBURY, down in the alligator

country. (Wish we were there too, right alongside a big 'gator.) — P. N. S.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . A large representation of the 101st was present at the dedication of a square in honor of Sgt. HERBERT W. J. FITZGERALD on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Old Harbor Village, So. Boston . . . "Fitzy", as he was known in L Co., died last Nov. 24 . . . A Post of the United American Veterans has been named for him . . . Among the speakers were Mayor Tobin, Rep. Johnny Powers, who represented Congressman JOHN W. McCORMACK, and Pres. WILLIAM J. HALL . . . His daughter, Dorothy T. Fitzgerald, unveiled the marker with his wife and mother being present.

It was with regret when we read about HERBERT G. WOLFE (H Co.) being found burned to death at a downtown hotel room . . . Smoking in bed was the cause . . . He was buried on Oct. 24, at Calvary Cemetery, Waltham.

ANDY INDRISANO (H Co.) was elected Sr. Vice Commander of the Lieut. Lawrence J. Flaherty Post, A. L. . . . Met DANNY COUGHLIN (A Co.) here recently . . . He is at The Dublin, on Summer St., near the So. Station . . . Drop in and say hello if you should be in that vicinity . . . MIKE CROWLEY (B Co.) was married Oct. 12 to PAUL DONOVAN'S (A Co.) sister . . . Good luck, Mike.

H Co. held a meeting for election of officers at the YD Club on Sunday, Oct. 27 . . . JAMES J. FEELEY was elected president; FREDERICK McGINN was made Treasurer; and JAMES J. POWERS, Sec. . . . Notices have been sent out for the annual memorial services of the Iron Battalion . . . also for the installation of officers . . . Both affairs take place in Worceseter on Sunday, Nov. 10.

By the time you read this, these affairs will have taken place . . . more about them in next issue . . . Col. JOHN BARRY (Iron Battalion) can be located almost any day at BILL COLE'S (K Co.) plumbing shop at 2a Cushing Ave., Dorchester . . . See you next month.

— JIM POWERS.

103rd INFANTRY

Met my old friend TOM KANE (Sgt., M.G.Co.) at the Conn.-Maine game the other day. He looked well and prosperous and is located in his home town of Bangor and is advertising mgr. for the Bangor Commercial. Tom and Mrs. Tom were attending Parents' Day at the University where one of their five children is in the entering class.

BILL ROACH (Co. B) recently lost his father who was one of the old timers of the Maine Central R.R. Bill is following in the same line and is fireman on the Lewiston branch.

HAROLD JONES, (Supply Co.), DANA ROUNDS (M.G. Co.), CLAYTON EATON (Supply Co.), FREEMAN TRUE (M.G. Co.), and HARRY CAIL (M.G. Co.), who have been living in Hill, N. H., will have to leave their old home as the town is to be inundated as a result of the flood control project which is being carried out on the Merrimack River at Hill. The whole town is to be rebuilt on higher land.

GEORGE P. DYER (M.G. Co.) has sold his filling station in Portland. Don't know just where George is going to locate.

Col. JOHN HEALY (Co. E) and also chief of the State of Maine Police is still carrying on. His oldest boy, Richard, is instructor of military tactics at the University of Maine. Richard was also an honor student while at the University.

LESLIE BUCHANNAN of Franklin, N. H. formerly of the Machine Gun Co., is in Texas with the N. H. Regiment. Leslie is Captain of his battery which is an anti-aircraft battery.

LINWOOD JEWETT (Co. E) has been elected Commander of the Lewiston YD club. Lin is with the A.&P. store and has been for a number of years.

FRANK JOCK is still percolating in the town of Kezar Falls, Maine, and has a very attractive place which he calls his billet. It is furnished with all kinds of souvenirs of the last unpleasantness in 1917-18.

WALTER SHOREY (M.G. Co.) is living in Bangor and still with the Armour Co. selling beef, etc. Walter was formerly one of the leading citizens of Veasie, if you know where that is.

ELROY K. PREBLE, former top-kick of M.G. Co., has a filling station in Orono, and is always glad to see any of his old flock.

Any 103rd news send in to E. K. HALE, Lisbon Falls, Maine, or else direct to YANKEE DOINGS in Boston.

— E. K. HALE.

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MIKE KIHORNEY. Born October 10th, 1886. Died October 7th, 1940. Served with Co. L, 102nd Inf., 26th Division.

Mike was one of Ohio Chapter's active members and was with them at Boston making the trip with GEO. CORMIER and FRED FLAHAVAN in the Patrol Wagon. It is with great sorrow that we report his death. The YD Ohio Chapter had full charge of the service and he was paid every respect. He leaves a brother Al, and his wife with whom he lived and another brother who is a doctor here in Cleveland. He also has a brother in California. This was the first funeral that we have had since organizing and as usual every man that could possibly get away from his work came to the services.

Mrs. Katherine Curtin, Past President of the YD Auxiliary of Boston; Past President of Francis G. Kane Auxiliary, A.L.; and Past President of Massachusetts Chapter, American War Mothers, died on October 24, after a short illness. She was the mother of GEORGE CURTIN (M.G. Co., 104th Inf.). Funeral services were held at St. Brendan's Church, Dorchester, Mass. on October 28. Men of the YD Club of Boston have lost one of their finest friends in Mrs. Curtin.

PETER KVIETKUS, formerly of A Co., 102nd Infantry, died in Watertown, Conn., on October 24. Funeral services were held on October 28.

JOHN "Bucky" WALLACE, formerly of Supply Co., 104th Infantry, many years a member of thee Cambridge (Mass.) Fire Department, died on October 25. Funeral services were held on October 27.

HERBERT G. WOLFE, formerly of the 101st Infantry, died from burns suffered in bed at a Boston Hotel on October 19. For many years WOLFE was employed as a cook at the U. S. Veterans Facility, Togus Maine.

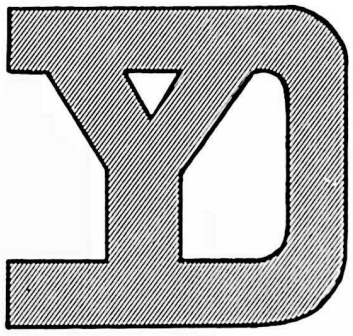
FRED W. QUIMBY, formerly of E Co., 104th Infantry, died at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on October 28. JOHN DRESSER, also of Niagara Falls, reports that he attended the funeral services, representing the YDVA.

JOSEPH E. LEVASSEUR, formerly of H Co., 104th Infantry, died on October 13. His home was in Danvers, Mass. He was active in military affairs up until a few years ago, being retired with the rank of first lieutenant from the 102nd Field Artillery, M.N.G. Members of Danvers Chapter, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral servics in uniform. Color bearer were uniformed members of Salem Chapter. YDVA.

WILLIAM T. CAVENEY, formerly of G Co., 104th Infantry; date and place not given in clipping. The deceased was a resident of Lowell, Mass., a member of the Firemen's Association of the Lowell Fire Department. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for heroism in action.

During late October, the wheels of a freight car ground the spark of life from a YD veteran. The following tribute is paid by CHARLIE SMITH of Detroit Chapter. CLYDE E. CHURCH, or "Soxy" as he was known to all, a brakeman on the Central Vermont Railroad, slipped between moving cars and was fatally injured. Soxy — with a heart almost too big for his slender, wiry body — one of those all-too-rare creatures — a Real Friend. The kind of a pal who would share his blanket or his last drink, — who would fight for you at the drop of a hat — who never double-crossed a man in the 45 years of his life. If there is a special Heaven — and there must be — where real he-men gather — then we know you are there, Sox. You'd never fit in a stuffed-shirt paradise. To your good wife our deepest sympathy in the loss of a good husband; to your children greater sympathy. To you — old pal — R. I. P., and may the Almighty Commander guide your spirit to the final meeting place of the YD clan.

ERNEST E. O'BRIEN, Past Commander of Milford Chapter, YDVA, former Fire and Police Chief of that city, died at his home on October 29. He had been in poor health for a number of years.



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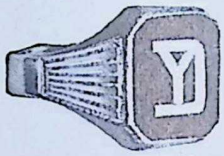

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